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What Empire May Face This Winter

AXIS PLANS FOR FRESH CAMPAIGN

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, OCT. 6, (UP).—PLANS FOR THE AXIS WINTER CAMPAIGN, WHICH INCLUDE A GENERAL SPEEDING-UP OF THE GERMAN ATTACK AGAINST THE BRITISH ISLES AND AN ITALIAN PUSH AGAINST BRITISH EGYPT, WERE DRAFTED DURING THE MEETING BETWEEN HITLER AND MUSSOLINI IN THE BRENNER PASS, ACCORDING TO AUTHORITATIVE REPORTS.

Well-informed sources in Rome expect that General Graziani's offensive in Egypt will be resumed shortly and also that a Nazi invasion of England may be attempted.

NAZI FACTORIES PUNISHED

Tons Of Bombs On Krupps

LONDON, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—Two tons of high explosive bombs were dropped on the Krupps armament factory at Essen in a lightning R.A.F. attack made from a high level, says the Air Ministry news service.

In addition to the objectives mentioned in the official communiqué, targets included the docks at Amsterdam and Flushing, aerodromes at Schiphol, Texel, Aldebroek and Bussum.

The weather was extremely bad over the entire operations area and the bomber crews had to contend with severe icing conditions, violent electrical storms and widespread low clouds which necessitated blind flying over a great part of the route.

Quays were smashed and a dry dock damaged by salvos of heavy bombs during the attack on Brest. One pilot reported that his bombs, which struck a road by one of the quays, caused a series of explosions as if ammunition sheds had been hit.

Oil Plant Smashed

The raiding forces, which succeeded in reaching the Ruhr, located an oil plant at Gelsenkirchen and for nearly half an hour the target was bombed. A series of minor explosions followed the bursting of heavy bombs and incendiary bombs, scattered across the factory area, started several fires, one of which quickly developed into a general blaze.

In the raid on Hanau, explosions followed by outbreaks of fire were seen in the goods yards.

More fires were started in a railway siding near Osnabrück, where heavy explosions occurred after the bombs had burst.

Dock Areas Blasted

At Rotterdam heavy bombs burst along the docks, and buildings on the north bank opposite the docks entrance were set afire.

The dock area on the south side of the river was the chief target at Amsterdam and here great fires resulted from the bombing.

At Flushing heavy calibre bombs, which struck the dock, started a train of explosions last ten minutes and started fires which could be seen far out to sea.

CHANCE TO EVACUATE

U.S. Firm In Hongkong Receives Advice

Wives and families of employees of the American Standard-Vacuum Oil company have been advised to evacuate all Far Eastern areas except the Philippines.

This was admitted to-day by an officer of the firm's Hongkong branch.

"There is nothing compulsory about it but the head office has sent out a general suggestion to all eastern branches that it would be wiser to send the women away," the officer said.

Will Arrange Transport

"The firm has agreed to arrange transport for all those who decide to follow the suggestion."

"This new suggestion follows one made by the head office three months ago, which asked employees whose wives were not in the East not to bring them out in view of the disturbed situation."

"Very few women have followed the suggestion as far as I know. It is considered purely a precautionary measure."

"I believe that Standard Vacuum is the only American firm in the East which has so far made any move to evacuate the families of its employees."

THE WOMEN GO TO WORK

The women of Britain, in their thousands, have now taken up various forms of war work, in many instances replacing men who are needed for the army or essential services. As in the last war, women bus conductors are now a common sight. The first batches have now completed their training and are starting work on the country routes of the London Transport. Here we see a smiling bus conductor at a London transport depot. Cool white coats are part of the summer uniform.

The Dictators apparently envisage a general striking at the British Empire throughout the world, with special attention being paid to Aden and Gibraltar. Attacks on these two centres, if made, will probably occur simultaneously.

The presence at the Brenner Pass conference of General von Keitel, German High Command Chief of Staff, is interpreted to mean that military and technical questions were discussed, possibly involving Italian participation.

Duce Inspects Army, Safe In North Italy

LONDON, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—Troops of Italy's northern army massed in the vast plain of Parma were inspected to-day by Mussolini, who flew to Placenza for the purpose.

Infantry, artillery, engineer corps and auxiliary services of the Littorio Division, which had its baptism of fire in the Spanish campaign, were drawn up in several arrays.

Standing on a platform, Il Duce watched the famous "rapid march" of the Bersaglieri, followed by a procession of armoured cars and motorised batteries.

Il Duce, who earlier in the day had inspected at Trieste a motorised division which participated in the fighting in the Alps in June, took off later in his private plane for an unknown destination.

Japanese Minister's "Challenge" To U.S.

Matsuoka Heatedly Denies Interview

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Oct. 6 (UP).—Interviewed by "United Press" to-day, Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, categorically denied statements attributed to him in an interview with the International News Service.

He characterised the whole affair as "outrageous conduct by certain American newspapermen."

Asked to clear up the alleged statements, particularly the phrase: "I fling a challenge at America," Mr. Matsuoka reiterated emotionally: "There is nothing to be clarified because it is even beyond the imagination of any person, that any person in such a responsible position as Foreign Minister could have said such things. I never made any such remarks."

No More Interviews

"The interview in question was granted for publication in 'Liberty Magazine' not newspapers, and only after the manuscript had been submitted to me for approval."

"Because of this outrageous violation of confidence I have made up my mind not to see in future any newspaperman connected with the American press."

"I saw 'Liberty's' contributor because I contributed three articles to that magazine in the past and it was through that connection the interview was obtained."

"Mr. Matsuoka refused any further comment on what he said was 'an impossible story.'"

Briton Tortured For Ransom In Rumania

BUCHAREST, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—Sir Reginald Hoare, the British Minister, went to Ploesti last night and saw Mr. Percy Clark, who was still in bed hardly able to move as the result of the limb-twisting to which he had been subjected during his abduction.

It is learned that his captors offered to release him for \$12,000.

Mr. Clark paid the money and was allowed to go.

When he was a short distance from his captors more young men fired at him with revolvers but without hitting him.

Rumanian dictator and the Iron Guard leader Sima addressed the gathering.

General Ion Antonescu, the

Iron Guard Celebrates Adherence To Axis

BUCHAREST, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—About 100,000 members of the Iron Guard from all parts of Rumania held a mass demonstration here to-day in celebration of the establishment of the new legionary regime.

Axial allegiance was expressed by the presence of representatives of the German Youth Movement and the German Army.

General Ion Antonescu, the

R. A. F. Winning Air Supremacy

NAZIS LOSE 104 PLANES IN WEEK

LONDON, OCT. 6 (REUTER).—DURING THE WEEK ENDING MID-NIGHT OCTOBER 5, IT IS CONFIRMED THAT GERMAN PLANES LOST IN BATTLES OVER BRITAIN AMOUNTED TO 104, NOT INCLUDING MACHINES DAMAGED OR PROBABLY LOST.

ON THE BASIS OF CONFIRMED PLANE LOSSES ALONE, GERMAN PILOT LOSSES ARE ESTIMATED TO EXCEED 250.

In the same period, the R.A.F. lost 40 machines in or around Britain, but from these 21, or more than half of the pilots, were saved.

Sunday's Raids

LONDON, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—Tip and run German raiders began their activity early to-day. Taking advantage of low clouds, several German planes crossed the coast and flew towards London. They were met by intense A.A. fire and were turned back before they could reach the centre of the city.

In the north-west district of the capital, a lone German bomber swooped out of the clouds and dropped a number of bombs. A Spitfire got on to its tail and the German crashed.

Later, during the second alert in the London area, enemy planes flying singly in relays, passed up the Thames Estuary in the direction of London, while enemy planes were again seen over the north-west district of London.

During the morning's air battles over south-east England a German fighter was shot down.

Argus To Be Towed To Indo-China

The 500-ton French destroyer *Argus* arrived in Hongkong on Saturday to tow the French gun boat *Argus* to Indo-China. The *Argus* has been stationed in Indo-China for some time but it is believed this is the first time she has visited Hongkong. The *Argus* is well known here as the Canton River fleet. Since the outbreak of war she has been at buoy in the harbour.

SUNDAY RAIDS ON BRITAIN

Activity By Luftwaffe

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 6 (UP).—Many parts of England were subjected to raids during to-day, heavy bombs falling on a north-west London district during the second alarm at 4.50 in the afternoon. It is officially reported that a few bombs were dropped in the east Midlands and East Anglia.

At Folkestone and a town in Northants, high explosive bombs demolished some houses and caused a small number of casualties, some of which were fatal.

At several other places enemy aircraft dived and delivered short bursts of machine-gun fire, then quickly flew off. A few persons were injured.

Elsewhere, although bombs fell in a number of widely scattered areas, little damage was caused and the number of casualties small.

Weather conditions made interception by fighting planes difficult, but reports so far received show that enemy bomber was brought down.

UNDEFINED STATUS

Spain And The Axis

MADRID, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—Before leaving Rome for Spain yesterday, Senor Serrano Suner, the Spanish Minister of the Interior, is reported to have had a 40-minute conversation with Count Ciano after the latter's return from Brenner.

Messages from Rome and Berlin continue to assure Spain that the Brenner meeting was neither a preliminary to a peace offensive nor denotes weakness of the Axis.

Papers here all make much of Senor Suner's return but no indication is given as to the nature of the conversations.

"Arriba," the official organ of the Falange Party, of which Senor Suner is the head, counsels against speculation, making it clear that nothing will be published about the talks.

FRENCHMEN RALLY TO GEN. DE GAULLE'S STANDARD

LONDON, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—Free French National Committees are being created in all foreign countries where there are important colonies of French people, states a communiqué issued from General de Gaulle's headquarters.

Already they have been set up in Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Mexico, Canada, United States, Egypt, South Africa, Australia, and Mauritius.

On 29 October, General de Gaulle will deliver a radio broadcast in which he will announce the formation of these committees.

From all parts of the world the headquarters of the Free French forces have received messages reaffirming loyalty to the Free France Movement.

These messages, it is pointed out, have particular significance in the Dakar Incident.

General de Gaulle has called on all Frenchmen to rally to the Free France Movement.



AIRCRAFT RESCUES AT SEA

—500 Saved

LONDON, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—Drifting helplessly on the grey wastes of the Atlantic, two boatloads of people, survivors of a lost ship, suffered severely from thirst.

Suddenly a Sunderland flying boat searching for submarines while escorting a convoy, swooped down. The crew had spotted two dots on the ocean.

The survivors signalled that they had food but no water.

The flying boat crew dropped their own fresh water supply and then went off to fetch a rescue ship to the scene.

Women On Raft

A few days later two women on a raft were sighted from the air and they were also saved.

Telling these stories to-day, the Air Ministry news service states that nearly 500 survivors of ships lost in the Atlantic have been saved in the last few months by the good work of Coastal Command aircraft.

Sunderland flying boats—both of the R.A.F. and the Royal Australian Air Force—and other aircraft, are on patrol far out into the Atlantic every day escorting convoys.

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WEEK-END
FUNERALSFriends Pay Tribute
To W. L. McKenzie

The funeral of the late Mr. W. L. McKenzie took place at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon, when the Rev. A. P. Rose officiated. A service in the Chapel preceded the burial.

The hearse was escorted from the Monument to the Cemetery by a detachment of the Scottish Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, members of whom also acted as pall-bearers. The casket was draped with the Union Jack, on top of which lay the deceased's belt, side-arms and gungarry.

Two buglers of the Royal Scots sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille."

Mr. J. P. Sherry, Manager of the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd., and Mr. R. C. Keen, of the Public Works Department, were chief mourners.

The large attendance included Messrs. J. Scott-Harison (Chairman of Directors of the Telephone Company), E. Abraham, V. C. Labrum, F. Goodwin, W. Hyde, W. A. Clark, W. J. Geall, J. M. Dalziel, C. F. Needham, W. G. Griffin, R. Kirkwood, L. D. Skinner, E. C. Fincher, J. Fleming, P. Tester, S. J. Lee, J. Kew, S. A. Gray, G. C. Burnett, W. A. Simpson, A. E. Perry, T. A. Madell, F. G. Maunder, J. Jack, R. A. Farrell, B. W. Simmons, D. Tolan, C. Hart, B. Parks, A. C. Jeffreys, T. Davis, R. Rathmell, A. H. Forster, R. Pestell, D. S. Robb, A. McKellar, J. Russell, B. C. Tavadia, Major H. R. Forsyth, Captain A. W. Brown, Captain A. N. Braude, 2nd Lt. W. Sloker, Sgt. A. I. Cash, Messrs. S. Deacon, P. Jackson, E. O. Murphy, E. Zimmerman, J. Neugebauer, and many members of the local staff of the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd.

Wreaths from "Graco," and the deceased's sister and brothers were interred with the casket.

Late Mr. Hsu Chien

The large attendance at the funeral service for the late Dr. George Hsu Chien, held in St. John's Cathedral on Saturday, testified to the respect in which he was held in educational and other circles.

Dr. Hsu was a veteran Kuomintang leader, and was for many years Chinese Minister of Justice and President of the Supreme Court. He was known as one of the most talented men of his generation.

Dr. Hsu, who died on September 28 at the age of 69, leaves a widow, two sons and three daughters, who were the chief mourners at the service on Saturday.

The funeral procession started from 21 Kent Road, Kowloon, at 9 a.m. when the remains of the deceased were taken to the Yumai ferry for transport across the harbour.

The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Rev. James Wong, of St. Christ Church. He spoke in English and Chinese, and paid tribute to the work of the deceased. The benediction was pronounced by the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong.

More than 200 people were present prominent among them being Dr. W. W. Yen (former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia), Dr. C. T. Wang (former Chinese Ambassador to the United States), General Chiang Kwang-nai (former commander of the famous 10th Route Army during the Shanghai hostilities in 1932), Mr. Yeh Kung-chao, Mr. Tao Po-chuan, Mr. Percy Chen and Dr. Mei Lan-fang.

Others present included General Wu Teh-chen, Marshal Li Chai-sun, Dr. Joseph Xu, Dr. S. L. Kwong, the Rev. Lee Kau-yan, Messrs. Peter H. Sin, T. L. Soong, Fong Tsun-wu, Hsu Kwan-ying, Wang Ying-bun, H. Y. Hsu, Tang Yan-ho, Henry Ling, Raymond Wong, Herbert T. T. Mo, Yan Wun, W. E. Duff, Pang Chuk-mun, George Lau, Miss Vera Wong and Miss Winifred Griffin.

Representatives from the Chungshan National University, Alumni Association, Central Trust of China and the Laan Tung Refuge Children's Camp also attended.

NETHERLANDS RELIEF

MEETING ARRANGED BY
LOCAL COMMUNITY

To discuss suitable employment of the Netherlands Relief Fund, a meeting will be held at the Hongkong Hotel on Tuesday evening.

The fund, which was opened after the fall of Holland, now totals over \$31,000, and has been subscribed to by many foreigners.

The meeting was arranged owing to the difficulty of sending money to Holland for relief work.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAY

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Thursday, the 10th October, 1940. (The Tenth day of October).

Hongkong, 5th October, 1940.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the offices of the Colonial Treasury (Accountant-General's Department) will be removed to Third Floor, Windsor House, Des Voeux Road, Central, on Monday, 14th October, 1940. The present offices at the General Post Office Building will close at the clock of business on Wednesday, October 9th and the Treasury will not open for public business on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 10th, 11th and 12th. Any amounts falling due on these dates will be received on or before October 14th without surcharge or other penalty.

ERIC W. PUDNEY,

Accountant-General.

5th October, 1940.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED FROM MONDAY, 4th NOVEMBER, to FRIDAY, 15th NOVEMBER, 1940, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 4th October, 1940.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that no person is authorised to solicit or collect donations for the War Fund organised by this Company.

All donations, with the exception of those sent through The Hongkong War Effort Committee, or other properly constituted bodies, should be forwarded, and cheques made out to "War Fund—South China Morning Post, Ltd."

B. WYLIE,

General Manager.

Gandhi Criticises
British Stand

"The inflexible attitude" of the British official world was criticised by Gandhi to-day in a long statement on his recent interview with the Viceroy of India.

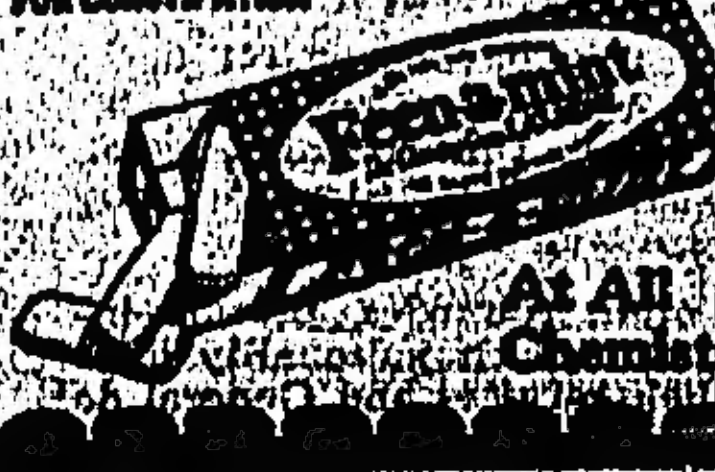
The statement said that the purpose of the interview was to leave no ground for misunderstanding and to fight only on well-defined issues and without bitterness. The statement asserted that Congress did not desire to mount to power at the expense of a single national interest and assured the Viceroy that he would have no opposition from Congress if he formed a Cabinet composed of representatives of the different parties.

Congress, the statement declared, would be content to be in opposition as far as the war effort was concerned so long as the Government machinery had not to serve imperialist ends. The immediate issue was the right of self-expression, subject to complete observance of non-violence.—*Reuter*.

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Volunteer Orders For
The Current Week

Orders by Col. H. B. Rose, M.C., Commandant, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, for the week ending 10th October, 1940.

There will be no medical examination on Friday, October 5th.

1. Qualifications

The following members of 1st Battery have qualified as under:

(a) Gas Officer—Mon. Oct. 7, H.Q. 8.30 p.m. and Wed. Oct. 9, H.Q. 8.30 p.m. Those already detailed.

(b) 1st Battery—Sat. Oct. 6, H.Q. 8.30 p.m. Week-end training. Dress as usual with Bayonet, P.O. Knife, fork, spoon, plate & mug must be brought, also great coat. Tues. Oct. 9, H.Q. 8.30 a.m. for Bluff Head.

(c) 2nd Battery—Thurs. Oct. 10, No parade.

(d) 3rd Battery—Sat. Oct. 6, H.Q. 8.30 p.m. Week-end training. Dress as usual with Bayonet, P.O. Knife, fork, spoon, plate & mug must be brought, also great coat. Tues. Oct. 9, H.Q. 8.30 a.m. for Bluff Head.

(e) 4th Battery—Sat. Oct. 6, H.Q. 8.30 p.m. Week-end training. Dress as usual with Bayonet, P.O. Knife, fork, spoon, plate & mug must be brought, also great coat. Tues. Oct. 9, H.Q. 8.30 a.m. for Bluff Head.

(f) 5th Battery—Sat. Oct. 6, H.Q. 8.30 p.m. Week-end training. Dress as usual with Bayonet, P.O. Knife, fork, spoon, plate & mug must be brought, also great coat. Tues. Oct. 9, H.Q. 8.30 a.m. for Bluff Head.

(g) 6th Battery—Sat. Oct. 6, H.Q. 8.30 p.m. Week-end training. Dress as usual with Bayonet, P.O. Knife, fork, spoon, plate & mug must be brought, also great coat. Tues. Oct. 9, H.Q. 8.30 a.m. for Bluff Head.

(h) 7th Battery—Sat. Oct. 6, H.Q. 8.30 p.m. Week-end training. Dress as usual with Bayonet, P.O. Knife, fork, spoon, plate & mug must be brought, also great coat. Tues. Oct. 9, H.Q. 8.30 a.m. for Bluff Head.

(i) 8th Battery—Sat. Oct. 6, H.Q. 8.30 p.m. Week-end training. Dress as usual with Bayonet, P.O. Knife, fork, spoon, plate & mug must be brought, also great coat. Tues. Oct. 9, H.Q. 8.30 a.m. for Bluff Head.

(j) 9th Battery—Sat. Oct. 6, H.Q. 8.30 p.m. Week-end training. Dress as usual with Bayonet, P.O. Knife, fork, spoon, plate & mug must be brought, also great coat. Tues. Oct. 9, H.Q. 8.30 a.m. for Bluff Head.

(k) 10th Battery—Sat. Oct. 6, H.Q. 8.30 p.m. Week-end training. Dress as usual with Bayonet, P.O. Knife, fork, spoon, plate & mug must be brought, also great coat. Tues. Oct. 9, H.Q. 8.30 a.m. for Bluff Head.

NOTICES

1. Inter-Unit Rifle Competition

Zouave Rifle Competition for the China Mail Cup closes at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9.

The Corps Swimming Gala will be held in the Victoria Swimming Pool (entrance for training) during the period shown on Saturday, October 12, at 9.30 p.m. The gala will be held in the Victoria Swimming Pool (entrance for training) during the period shown on Saturday, October 12, at 9.30 p.m. The gala will be held in the Victoria Swimming Pool (entrance for training) during the period shown on Saturday, October 12, at 9.30 p.m.

AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment,
H.K.V.D.C.

1. Practical Class—There will be no Practical Class on Monday, October 8.

2. Attachment—The under-mentioned were attached to Military Hospital, Hongkong for training during the period shown on Saturday, October 12, at 9.30 p.m. The gala will be held in the Victoria Swimming Pool (entrance for training) during the period shown on Saturday, October 12, at 9.30 p.m.

3. First Aid Examination—The examination will be held on Monday, October 8, at 10 a.m. and Tuesday, October 9, at 10 a.m. The examination will be held on Monday, October 8, at 10 a.m. and Tuesday, October 9, at 10 a.m.

4. Swimming Sports—Will members have been notified to attend the swimming sports on Saturday, October 12, at 9.30 p.m. to the Commandant.

(Sd.) Mrs. E. M. S. Drake, Comdt., Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

Evacuation
Protest
MeetingBritish Women Want
To Remain

The period during which British women of European descent were asked by Government to show cause why they should not be sent away from the Colony expired on Saturday.

It is understood that the letters from the women seeking exemption began in July are not affected by the "show cause" order. It was learned. Their cases are likely to be taken up later.

About 10 women among those seeking exemption whose applications have not been definitely refused have been notified to attend the public session of the Evacuation Advisory Committee to be held at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

On the other hand, British women who have been ordered to evacuate are holding a meeting to-day at 3 p.m. to organise a protest.

Japanese Preparing

Although no official instructions have been given by their Consul-General, a number of Japanese residents in Hongkong are believed to be making individual preparations for evacuation.

Certain Japanese shopkeepers are reported to be liquidating their stocks prior to departure.

Americans Leave China

Although no official order has been issued to Americans as regards evacuation, it was learned that all Americans who approached their authorities for guidance in the matter have been "recommended" to evacuate women and children without delay.

Regular consular agents of communication with America are booked to capacity two months ahead as the result of the sudden rush to evacuate women and children in the past few days.—*Reuter*.

Destroyers Leave Shanghai

Chungking, Oct. 5.

The U.S.S. Augusta and five destroyers which arrived in Shanghai from Tientsin on September 25 left for the Philippines yesterday.—*Central News*.

Honolulu Naval Orders

Honolulu, Oct. 5.

Bookings to Far East by families of the American Navy personnel by American merchant ships have been cancelled here and at San Francisco. Replacement officers for the United States Asiatic Fleet are proceeding to Manila without their wives.—*Reuter*.

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12.30 Half an Hour of Mozart's Music.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.05 Rawlitz and Landauer (Two pianos).

1.15 Ambrose and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press.

1.45 Local Forecast and Announcements.

1.55 Latest Variety.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 p.m. "The Bronze Horse" (Overture) (Auber), London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

6.35 Symphony No. 29 in A Major (Mozart), London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

7.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

7.30 Compositions of Sir Edward Elgar.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

8.02 This Week's Programmes.

8.06 A Variety Programme.

8.45 Musical Comedy Selections.

10.00 An Hour of Dance Music.

11.0 Close down.

FIRING
PRACTICESNotification From
Military Command

The following firing practices are notified by the Military authorities:

Light Gun Firing Practice will be carried out between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on October 7. Alternative date October 8. Firing Area "C" affected.

Firing Practice as under is notified for October 8:

(a) Light Gun Firing Practice between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Alternative date October 10. Firing Areas "D" and "E" affected.

(b) Anti-Aircraft Practice in the Western Area of the Island between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Firing Areas "D" and "E" affected.

Firing Practice as under is notified for October 10:

(a) Light Gun Firing Practice between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Alternative date October 11. Firing Area "C" affected.

(b) Anti-Aircraft Practice in the Western Area of the Island between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Firing Areas "D" and "E" affected.

Firing Practice as under is notified for October 11:

(a) Light Gun Firing Practice between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Alternative date October 12. Firing Area "C" affected.

(b) Anti-Aircraft Practice in the Western Area of the Island between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Firing Areas "D" and "E" affected.

STOCK MARKET
REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued on Saturday says: To-day's short session was limited to small sales in Lends & Yams with prices matched at lower rates. It is reported that two more dividends are declared in Manila Gold issues I.X.L. 02 centavos and Paracale Gumaus .005 centavos.

Buyers.

Lands \$30.25

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Sellers.

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Watsons \$8.75

Vibro Piling \$8

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RELIEF OF
DISTRESSAppeal For More
Funds By Council

The Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council, which has done, and is doing, much to alleviate the distress among refugees and destitute poor, has issued an appeal for more funds in the form of a leaflet.

The aims of the Council are (1) to co-ordinate the charitable work in the Colony so as to avoid overlapping in work and distribution of funds; (2) to erect permanent centres for the poor; and (3) to inquire into housing, industrial and recreation problems in congested areas.

Many prominent residents are serving on the Council, the Presidents of which are the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong, and the Rt. Rev. H. Vallorta, Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are the Very Rev. J. E. Wilson and Miss E. S. Adams respectively.

The Council is in need of \$50,000 for its work in 1941. Among its activities are the feeding of 4,000 persons daily at a cost of \$30,000 a year, the education of 2,000 children at \$7,000 a year, and providing thousands of refugees and destitute poor with mats, blankets, and towels at a cost of \$11,000 a year.

Apart from giving the names of the societies represented on the Council and those who serve on the various sub-committees, the leaflet is illustrated with a number of pictures showing the Yumai Food Kitchen, the Ma Tau Chung Camp school, where young boys are being taught basket-making; the kindergarten school at North Point Camp; the King's Park Camp; and the St. Peter's Food Kitchen.

There is no doubt that the Council is doing excellent work for the poor, and donations should be sent to Mr. M. Y. Tang, Hon. Treasurer, Bank of Canton, or to the Hon. Secretary of the Council at Room 3, Gloucester Building, first floor.

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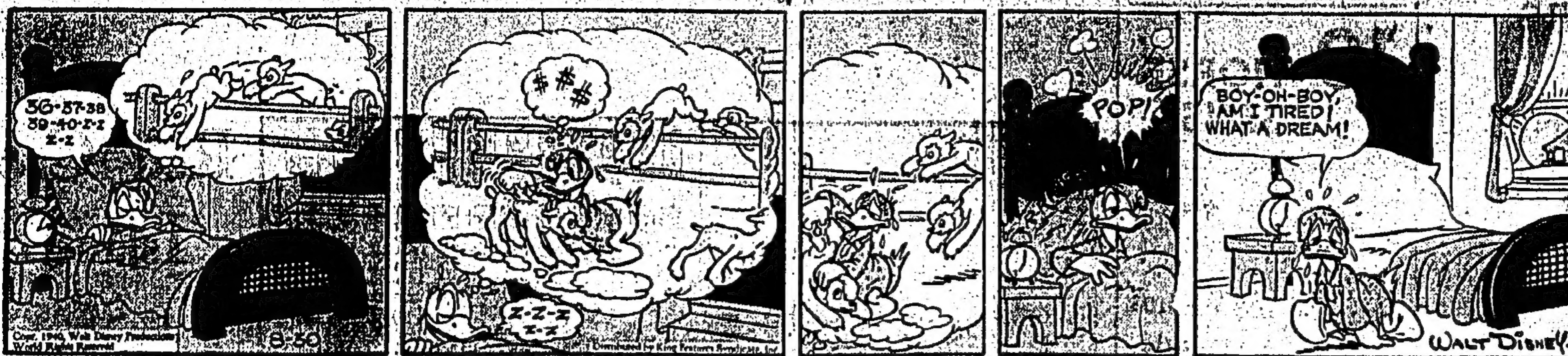
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MAGAZINE PAGE

C.I.G.S.

He's the Architect of all our War plans

BY F. C. H. SALUSBURY
 War Correspondent.

DURING the present lull—not to be confused with lullaby, as was done by the last Government and the Allied High Command—there is one military officer whose advice to the War Cabinet is of the utmost importance.

He is General Sir John Dill—56 years old, tallish, lean, mustached, Ulsterman and ex-Infantry Officer—Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and his functions are possibly the most mysterious to the civilian public of all those in the hierarchy of the Army.

We remember him as the commander of the 1st Corps with the B.E.F.; as a general with a great record in Palestine during the difficult years of '36 and '37 who has the profound respect of the fighting soldier. Now he has retreated behind a screen.

SPINS A WEB

One thing can be said definitely of him in his present official position. He does not command troops in the loosely accepted sense of the phrase; he is not a leader of armies.

Rather does he sit in the background and spin a web of strategy.

Above all, he must be a thinker, a cunning thinker; and the lower the cunning—in this age of international gangsters—the better.

There has not been a Commander-in-Chief of the British Army for a long time. That function is exercised collectively by the War Cabinet, as is also the command of the Royal Navy and of the Royal Air Force.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, the Secretary of State for War, and the Secretary of State for Air are the ministers responsible for the efficiency of their respective departments; and they, in turn, are advised by their Chiefs of Staff.

Now the C.I.G.S.—the initials by which the Army knows the holder of Sir John Dill's office—would not be in active command if the enemy invaded this country. That, presumably, is the job of Lt-General Sir Alan Brooke, who commands the Home Defences.

But the C.I.G.S. has been very much in at the birth of the strategy which governs the Home Commander's dispositions.

Let me put it in the simplest, blindest way. The War Cabinet has decided to defend us from invasion. It calls for expert advice, and the C.I.G.S., speaking for the Army, has provided the Secretary for War with a plan.

NO SMUGNESS

This plan, however, has been influenced by two other members of the Army Council—the Adjutant-General who is responsible for finding the men, and the Quartermaster-General who supplies their arms, food and equipment.

On the nice cohesion of these three branches of the staff depends the success of a campaign, provided always that the strategy of the campaign has been planned with cunning imagination.

Which brings us back to the C.I.G.S. and his limitless responsibilities.

He speaks for the Army, and he must be strong enough to speak his mind, to "about it very loud and clear." If the Army's needs are being cheated by political parsimony or expediency, he will speak.

We have, however, surmounted those

particular difficulties—at least for the duration.

On the other hand, he must not be too much of a soldier to be incapable of recognising helpful imagination in a civilian brain.

In making those remarks I am thinking in no way of Sir John Dill, but of instances in our history when such difficulties and clashes have occurred. We have no time for them now.

We have no time for the somnolent smugness which characterised the Allied High Command during the Winter and Spring.

TOO MUCH "CANT"

Hitler had given us the perfect object lesson in his strategy and tactics when he overran Poland.

The best method of meeting such an attack is with your own aircraft, tanks and artillery. But we suffered from a general shortage of material.

The next best method is with a fortified line, supported by quick-firing artillery, behind which you can proceed to remedy your shortages at express speed.

The French had their uncompleted Maginot Line! but the Allied strategists proceeded neither to rush through any serious extension of it, nor wholeheartedly to remedy our shortages of material.

Was there a school of thought which advocated this kind of shield until we were ready to attack? There was. It was discouraged.

"You can't build a Maginot Line in Flanders mud," said they. But you can: there is a tried American method which operates by freezing the mud.

"Anyhow," said they, "you can't build one on flat ground." And when a line was then suggested on higher ground in the Vimy region, it was derided as involving the surrender of too much territory to the enemy—an objection which has a sardonic humour in the light of events.

IMPERIAL PLANS

So we return to the present task of the C.I.G.S., who has entered the council room armed against the future with the lessons learned from a record number of political and military failures perpetrated by others.

He has to plan and advise not only for the war as it affects the army in Great Britain, but, imperially, for the Empire.

A scheme may arise anywhere—in the Cabinet, in the Services. When it has been hammered out it has the authority of the War Cabinet, but it has been perfected technically by the Chiefs of Staff Committee, consisting of the C.I.G.S., and the Naval and Air Chiefs of Staff.

If it involves a Dominion—if it has originated in a Dominion—there will have been discussions with the Dominion's staff, and agreement will have been reached on a local commander and the forces available.

So we reach the stage when the plan is put into operation, and the general in command takes the responsibility for its success on his shoulders.

Thereafter the C.I.G.S.—unless the plan is revised—has the part of an investor who has financed an enterprise, and may be called on at any moment to find fresh funds.

We are now in a fighting, aggressive mood, all of us, no matter what our role in the war. We are looking forward to our invasion of Europe, and short of that to expeditions, like Drake's, which will bring Hitler's moustache.

Last winter I reported from France the true story of a soldier—an old sweat—who overheard a general say to an officer in the front line, "And then you will advance according to plan."

"Ah," said the old sweat, "so there is a ruddy plan!"

That is where Sir John Dill comes in, and carries on.

LETTERS TO TEACHER

MANY teachers keep a collection of strangely worded and painfully-written notes in their desks, sent by parents as "excuses" for their children's absence from school. Some of them are well worth preserving for the unwitting humour they contain.

A new pupil arrived at a country school one day, bearing the following strange epistle: "Dear Sir, this is just to warn you no to dun't do' wull on the back as he's got a class."

Another sad letter ran: "Sir, Maggie came to the school, for she's cut her hand on a bottle which I've poulticed. Her Mother."

"Dear Sir," wrote another mother, "I canna send our Jenn to the school as I'm sorry to say she's t'een a dislike to ye."

An inveterate plunker was told by an angry teacher that he must bring an excuse for absence from school. "The head of his family," she said, "has been sick."

"I'll need to get one free from father," said the boy.

Sometimes the erring scholars composed the letters themselves.

THIS POEM STILL RINGS

IT is ninety years since Wordsworth died. Famous as a nature-poet, he was no less a fervent patriot. Such strains as the following might have been composed yesterday.

We are left, or shall be left, alone;
 The last that dare to struggle with the foe,
 'Tis left from this day forward we shall know
 That in ourselves our safety must be sought;
 That by our own right hands it must be wrought.
 That we must stand unproppeled, or be laid low
 O Dastard, whom such forebodes doth not cheer!
 We shall exult, if they who rule the land
 Be men, who hold its many blessings dear,
 Wise, upright, valiant; not a scrofuld hand,
 Who are to judge of danger which they fear,
 And honour which they do not understand.

Who to the murmurs of an earthly string
 Of Britain's acts would sing,
 He with enraptured voice will tell
 Of one whose spirit no reverse could quell;
 Of one that 'mid the falling never fail'd.

There is a bondage worse, far worse, to bear
 Than his who breathes, by roof and floor, and wall,
 Pent in, a Tyrant's solitary decline.
 'Tis his who walks about in the open air,
 One of a Nation who, henceforth, must wear
 Their fetters in their souls.
 For who could be,
 Who could be best, in such condition, free
 From self-reproach, reproach that he must share
 With human nature! Never be it ours
 To see the sun how brightly it
 And know that noble feelings, mainly power,
 Instead of gathering strength, must droop and pine;

And earth with all her pleasant fruits and flowers
 Fade and participate in man's decline.
 What if our numbers barely could defy
 The arithmetic of babes, must foreign hordes,
 Slaves vile as ever were heeded by words,
 Striding through English breasts the anarchy
 Of Terror bear us to the ground, and the
 Our hands behind our backs with felon cords,
 Yields everything to discipline of swords?
 Is man as good as man, none low, none high?
 Nor discipline nor valour can withstand
 The shock nor quell the inevitable rout,
 When in some great extremity breaks out
 A people, on their own beloved Land
 Risen, like one man, to combat in the night
 Of a just God for liberty and right.

FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



"Happy birth-day to you-u-u-u, happy birth-day to you-u-u-u!"

Hilaire Belloc Believes . . .

GERMANY'S TIME GROWING SHORT

Recent weeks have been marked by a fairly rapid increase in the intensity of enemy air work against Britain and corresponding intensity in our own defensive.

We should do well to examine the probable reasons for this new phase of intensity and the probable duration. Before considering these points, however, let us repeat the advantages the enemy still possesses, in examining his reasons for haste, we should exaggerate in our own favour the conditions of the struggle during its present phase.

The one prime advantage which the enemy holds is that of numbers. It is a point we have insisted upon over and over again, and there is the more necessity for such insistence from the fact that, partly from lack of proportion, partly from the effect of propaganda, the full meaning of these numbers is not clearly present to the public.

The main fact underlying all the rest is the fact that the enemy, quite apart from his Mediterranean alliance, was originally much more than equal numerically to the French and English combined.

Since the French forces were eliminated, the enemy's recruiting field—that is the ultimate manpower on which he can draw—is much more than double our own.

The Mass Attack

But having said so much, and fully considering that handicap against us (a handicap which has adversely affected neutral opinion of our chances), we may justly turn to the other side of the question.

It is evident that the enemy is accelerating his pace. He is pushing his preparatory attack hard. It is much more than the "testing" which he has claimed it to be.

It is rapidly becoming something like a mass attack, so far as the preliminary airwork is concerned, and is an acceleration in quality as well as in quantity. For the enemy's airwork is steadily increasing its attack upon our vital civilian centres, our urban population, as well as our air bases, ports, and munition factories.

Why this acceleration of pace? First, there is the continual increase of our Air Force in machines

and trained pilots. Every day we approach more nearly to parity, and that with the added advantage of, on the whole, better machines and certainly better trained pilots.

We are still a long way off equality in numbers, but the approach to it is ceaseless. Unless the enemy has won his campaign before numerical superiority. In this vital arm passes to our side, he has lost the war.

Need For Speed

That is one reason for the recent accentuation of his pace in air work. Another is the uncertain margin of good weather remaining to him. When the storms come air work will be very different, and the difference will not be in his favour.

Now, not only must the enemy act quickly in the time at his disposal but he must obtain a complete decision within that time.

This is a consideration that must have haunted the enemy General Staff ever since the attack on Poland was launched a year ago.

Increasing success, increasing occupation of territory, even the vastly increased numerical advantage obtained by the collapse of French resistance, are still conditioned, by the necessity for a rapid victorious conclusion.

Enemy's Advantages

To obtain such a decision his old original advantages are still with him: the remarkable excellence of his staff work, the unity of his internal government, the perfection of his intelligence department.

This last advantage we should do well to bear in mind continually. When the enemy was tracking down the King of Norway last year they were informed of his every move, and he narrowly escaped with his life.

They have been informed of most of our moves, far more than we have been informed of theirs. So much so that the King of Norway has ever looked out the main element of victory last May came as a surprise.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LANS MORRIS

ACROSS
 1-Lesson
 2-Lay waste
 3-Disorder
 4-Above
 5-Leave over
 6-Leave out
 7-Number
 8-Frost water
 9-Hawthorn beam
 10-Halfway point
 11-Inland body of water
 12-Kabib
 13-Everywhere
 14-Measuring device
 15-Duties performed
 16-For pipe
 17-Synthetic
 18-Initiated
 19-Low place
 20-Only who hands out
 21-Handed over for consideration
 22-Interior
 23-Coverings
 24-Girl's names
 25-Manager publication
 26-Walks warily
 27-Highlander
 28-Blind sea
 29-Insulin
 30-Part of wheel
 31-Minor bird
 32-Absentminded

DOWN
 1-Bodily
 2-Period of time
 3-Decreased
 4-Truth of
 5-Day time
 6-Through chamber
 7-Through
 8-Burial
 9-Subsiding of claim
 10-Small closet
 11-Ship's
 12-Squall
 13-Pier
 14-Dar used to secure mechanical strain
 15-Change
 16-Change abode
 17-Master-servant
 18-Equal
 19-Planted
 20-Follows food
 21-Regimen
 22-Supplies with income
 23-Living creatures
 24-Change
 25-Get back
 26-Call out
 27-Period of time
 28-Disseminate
 29-Disseminate
 30-Disseminate
 31-Disseminate
 32-Disseminate

1-Part of coat
 2-Makes happy
 3-Lies
 4-One who ventures

1-Hall
 2-Egg-shaped

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THE WAR CHEST

GOVERNMENT, who usually prefer to carry out their work unobtrusively, on occasions also pander to the spectacular. They did so on Saturday when they announced a new gift to the Imperial War Chest: a gift of £200,000 a year for the duration of the war. The money is to come from the profits of the Exchange Fund, and doubtless the public are as delighted, as they are amazed, to learn that the fund has proved such a gold mine.

No one will quibble with the decision of the Government and the Exchange Fund Advisory Committee to make such a handsome donation, especially as there is an assurance that the stability of the fund will in no way be lessened. Nevertheless, one wished that Government had felt an inclination to take the public into their confidence. It is, after all, public money which the Government are so generously donating to the war chest, and the donation has been made without even consulting the community. We have a right to feel that we have been cheated out of the satisfaction of being identified with a magnificent gesture, an identification which, as chief subscribers to this exchange fund, we are entitled to enjoy.

The fund has always been shrouded in mystery, and only now can the public begin to appreciate how skillfully and successfully it has been administered. During the comparatively short time it has been in operation, the fund has not only been able to secure a cover of more than 114 per cent, but it is in a position to deny itself £200,000 (about \$3,200,000 at the current rate of exchange) and still have its cover unaffected. It is a position which only goes further to demonstrate that Hongkong is the richest and most solvent colony in the British Empire. For this fact we have good reason to feel proud.

Whether the Colony itself reaps all the benefits it should from such a situation is more than doubtful; nevertheless it is likely that any one will cavil at Government's decision to utilise its exchange fund profits in the manner proposed. It is imperative to Hongkong that Britain wins this war; therefore every effort we can make, whether great or small, to help the Mother Country in this enormous task, must be given its due credit. Which is why the individual should eschew the idea that, because Government is making such substantial war gifts, there is no call for him to make his own effort. The old tag "Every little helps" must be taken literally. The voluntary sacrifice still remains the most potent and effective form of gesture. Thousands will make enforced contributions before the year's end through the war taxation, but there remains plenty of room for voluntary effort.



Mr. Duff Cooper, Minister of Information, is to be asked in the House of Commons why he has engaged a band of investigators to make door-to-door inquiries on the state of householders' morale.

THE ARMY makes itself AT HOME

By Reginald Foster

On the English Coast.
A YOUNG soldier sat astride a chair on the promenade, close to the little pill-box camp which has become his seaside home.

A comrade was busy trimming his hair with a pair of scissors, watched with curiosity by an errand boy, unused to such side-lights on Army domestic life. The errand boy was asked to go away by the soldier-barber and the domestic interlude continued.

The British soldier is settling down to domestic life in his front line. In the last few weeks I have seen a good deal of everyday life in the front line, the life shared by Service men and the remaining civilians.

One morning I walked down the main street, which in normal

An Ancient Lay Of Rome

Propaganda error

Among many "howlers" in Italian broadcasts in recent months none has been more glaring than the capitulation of an article alleged to have been sent by "Lady Stanhope" from Arabia, in which she says she feels ashamed to be an Englishwoman.

The article quoted admittedly expresses unfavourable views on England, but unfortunately for Italian propagandists it was written more than 100 years ago by the Lady Hester Stanhope, who was notorious for her eccentricities. To such extremes "have" Italian propagandists been brought to find material unfavourable to England.

[Lady Hester Stanhope, a niece of the younger Pitt, died in 1839. Finding the restrictions of ordinary society intolerable she left England in 1810 and finally settled in 1814 among the half-savage tribes on the slopes of Mount Lebanon, where for the remainder of her life she lived in the style of an Eastern potentate surrounded by slaves and exercising almost despotic power.]

ally insignificant; and there is the Bomber Fund created by the Hongkong Telegraph and the "South China Morning Post." Their objects are identical; to encourage a public whose future welfare, freedom and prosperity depends entirely on the ability of the British Empire, to win this war, and to achieve that objective in the shortest and most effective way possible.

We hope, therefore, that Government's latest gesture will prove a stimulus to the community to make further and greater efforts to swell the coffers of the various war funds. Not only is more money needed, but more subscribers. Hitherto donations have come from too small a section of the community; there is room and opportunity for many thousands who to date have made no contribution to do so now.

times would be alive with holiday-makers doing a little shopping. The shoppers I saw were soldiers, detailed to buy vegetables for their unit. Their shopping basket was a lorry.

I heard someone who had been in Spain, liken the life to that in Madrid, when fighting reached the outskirts of the city.

There is a front-line life in the city. Her shop is surrounded with barbed wire and weapons of war have replaced bathing huts. Her stock of spades and buckets and fishing nets is not in much demand. But her life is not much different.

Men who have come off sentry duty find her kitchen very welcome. Dozens of the girls have hurriedly closed her shutters and dashed to the shelter of a basement house opposite, when sirens or gunfire have been heard.

"Hotel Adolf"

There is the farmyard which has become a military position. Ducks still waddle in the pond, the old farmer goes about his duties. And in the middle of the yard I have seen men, stripped, round buckets, having their morning wash and shave.

A one-time country cottage at cross roads, has been renamed "Hotel Adolf." A concrete pillbox is labelled "Pleasant Circus"—the label is properly enamelled and stamped, and goodness knows where it came from. Up on the cliffs an inn has become the headquarters of a unit at a local defence post. The back parlour, where the holiday maker used to yarn with the locals, is labelled "pistol room headquarters," and the civilian who happens to go in for a drink is regarded as an intruder.

Occasionally solid road barricades have become the subject of soldiers' front-line humour. One I passed was chalked "Don't bend," and another, "Hitler's toll gate"—and the sentry with fixed bayonet seemed a pretty efficient toll-keeper.

Food From Fields

Townpeople have been quick to adopt soldiers' humour. One shop has the legend, "Halters finished if strenuous," and another proclaims, "We don't intend to run away. Here we are and here we stay."

Sometimes the cliffs of France show up, bright and clear. "The Fatherland looks well to-night," people say, and the soldiers laugh that follows would hardly bring a smile to Hitler—not if he knew the British soldiers' laugh.

Mushrooms play a part in the domestic life of the front-line soldier. Many of these little front line camps are set up in open country. Several times I have seen soldiers returning to their tent or billet with mushrooms. The men have quickly learned which are the best fields.

A few mushrooms can be a great help to the cooking resources of these small units of seven or eight men, scattered on the highways and byways of the front line. Much of the cooking is done by the men themselves. In other cases rations are brought by road in travelling kitchens, or taken in a hasty system. All over the country groups of men engaged in this new defence of Britain are settling down to a front-line life as distinctive in its way as trench life in the last war.

"Take A Tommy To Tea"

"TAKE a Tommy home to tea."

London families are making this their motto while London is so full of Servicemen on leave, and are earning the thanks of the War Office and the welfare organisations.

There is no organised movement, but people in every walk of life are spontaneously inviting troops to spend a few hours at home with them, and the troops all declare it is the best part of their leave.

The secretary of St. Stephen's House, the T.C.H. centre opposite the Houses of Parliament, told me: "There have been many cases of people getting acquainted with men on leave and either inviting them home or giving them a day or evening out."

"When the men return here they are delighted with the hospitality, no matter how humble it was. Many of them find amusements for themselves, seeing the sights of London and going to a show, but that falls after a time when they are alone and nothing seems quite so welcome to the man who can't get to his own home as a few hours in someone else's home."

"The High Spot"

I talked to an infantryman who was one of a party of four made up by a Kent businessman and his wife on Saturday afternoon, taken to tea, to a theatre and on to a supper dance at night.

"It was a wonderful day's outing," Private Harris told me. "It made the high spot of my leave. But in a way it embarrassed all of us. It must have cost a lot of money and we could not pay our share."

"People should not imagine that it is necessary to spend a lot on entertaining us. I have found from talking to many of the other men on leave who have been similarly entertained that they would have been quite as happy taken home to tea, eat home-made cakes, listen to the radio and made to feel they were enjoying civilian home life for a few hours."

Combats Boredom

The War Office I learn, is still very anxious to combat boredom among men on leave who are out of touch with their friends.

"Take a Tommy home to tea" would be a magnificent slogan for the public to adopt, one important reason being that the welfare of the Army officer told me: "It would prevent many men going off the rails for want of something to do."

"Men on leave want a little feminine society, but not necessarily of the glamour girl kind. The motherly woman who provides some good home-made cakes and a cup of tea, and makes a chap feel at home for a few hours does something for the welfare of the man that not all the organisations put together can achieve."

Red Cross Island?

BY DUDLEY BARKER

I HAVE often seen fine ceremonies at St. James's Palace in London, the official Court of England, where Ambassadors walk decorously in one room, and the Lord Chamberlain removes indecorous lines from plays in another.

I have seen scarlet-and-gold heralds crowded on the balcony, welcoming proclamations with the trumpet, while ceremonial troops waited in the courtyard below.

But yesterday I saw there a finer sight still, though less picturesque. Surrounded by pieces of cord and cardboard boxes, crates of socks and slabs of chocolate, I saw the people who have contrived to keep one international organisation working between Britain and Germany, while Europe crumbled into chaos.

I saw the department of the British Red Cross that supplies British prisoners of war in Germany with regular parcels of food, cigarettes and clothing.

ROUTES WRECKED

It is a story worth telling, partly because it is a story of good will on both sides. Whatever else the Nazis have done, all the evidence shows that they have scrupulously respected international agreements on this question.

Before the German break-through, there were not many British prisoners in Germany, and each of them was being supplied throughout the winter with two food parcels a parcel a week from the British Red Cross—three every fortnight is the summer allowance.

Those parcels had to go through a neutral country, and they were travelling smoothly across the Channel to Belgium, and thence to Germany.

Ninety-seven per cent of the receipt cards that accompany each parcel came back, properly signed. Then war broke into Belgium. The route was rapidly switched across France and Switzerland to Germany. The parcels were right for a few weeks, till France fell. When the dividing line was drawn between occupied and unoccupied France, that route became impossible.

It seemed that supplies would have to stop. There was only one route, through Finland, in Finland, but it was dangerous. The supplies were not stopped. The British Red Cross got into touch with the International Red Cross at Geneva, and they sent 60 tons of food, worth £2,000, direct from Switzerland into Germany, to the British prisoners.

TWO-THIRDS COMPLETE

Last week a new route opened through Lisbon, Spain, and thence to Switzerland.

The problem was how much food to send. There were many more prisoners of war in Germany than before—but how many?

Nobody knows exactly, not even the War Office, not even the Germans themselves, who, a fortnight ago, asked Dr. Marcel Junod, head of the International Red Cross, to go from Switzerland to occupied France to help them sort it out.

The normal procedure is for the list of prisoners to be sent to the British Ambassadors in Berlin, which hands it on to the American Ambassador and the International Red Cross in Geneva (we hand our lists to a similar bureau in London, and to the Swiss Ambassadors).

The American Ambassador in Berlin and the Red Cross in Geneva both pass the list on to London, and relatives are informed. The whole process normally takes three weeks.

This time the chaos in Europe delayed things, and it is only now that the lists are starting to pour through. They are coming night and day—so fast that the Red Cross in Geneva has increased the number of girls in its index department from 500 to 1,400.

All the names are being telegraphed to London as quickly as possible, and Mr. R. A. Butler was able to announce on Tuesday that "the names of two-thirds of all the British prisoners of war had reached Geneva by that time, and the amount the postal authorities could handle, the people in St. James's Palace made up their minds how much to send."

12,000 PARCELS A WEEK

They have large quantities available. Last week they sent 12,000 parcels, and this week they are sending the same. In the same way, of course, the German Red Cross has been getting supplies of extra food and comforts to German prisoners in this country.

So, in St. James's Palace yesterday, I was able to watch the women packers making up the parcels, stacking them into great heaps, labelling them with distinctive addresses.

It is a triumph that the service to British prisoners has been uninterrupted by the last few weeks, but do not imagine that the workers of the Red Cross are over. They must have a neutral intermediary between the two warring nations. To-day they have Spain, but who can say how long that will last? So, in this war, it is impossible to see a clearing hour for prisoners' supplies passing both ways?

Could not both sides guarantee the safe passage of a regular service of supplies to and from that island, from each warring country, to each warring country? Even in this war it is impossible to see a clearing hour for prisoners' supplies passing both ways? Could not both sides guarantee the safe passage of a regular service of supplies to and from that island, from each warring country, to each warring country? Even in this war it is impossible to see a clearing hour for prisoners' supplies passing both ways?

EXPERT ON WAR Japanese Hopeful For Britain

TOKYO, Oct. 6 (Reuters).—Declaring that air forces alone cannot conquer an open city, Mr. Hanji Kinoshita, the eminent Japanese authority on international politics, expresses the view, in an article in the current issue of "Thoroughfare of Politics" that the war between Germany and Britain will be long.

"Without the use of ships, whether large and heavily armed, or small and unarmed, even a single soldier cannot be transported from the shore of the continent to England."

"Taking advantage of speed and superiority of numbers, Chancellor Hitler may send men across the Channel like a storm of armoured troops, but the power of the British fleet of small-sized vessels, which have been reinforced greatly by 50 destroyers from America, would stop the march of German U-boats half way across the sea."

"Besides, America may participate in the war as the ally of Britain next spring, making the situation more favourable for Britain."

Jews In France Singled Out

Vichy Follows Nazis

MADRID, Oct. 6 (Reuters).—The military administration in occupied France has just published an ordinance which singles out Jews as a privileged minority, says a Paris despatch to the newspaper "ABC."

It is stated that all Jews must register with the Police and posters must be affixed to the business premises declaring in French and German the identity of the proprietors.

The ordinance applies to all persons of Jewish faith or whose ancestry includes two Jewish grandparents. The correspondent remarks that it is a curious coincidence that at the same time as the ordinance was published in the occupied zone Marshal Petain called on his Cabinet to draft a law regulating the position of Jews in unoccupied France.

British Assurance

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 (Reuters).—An assurance to the Jews of America of Britain's good intentions towards Jewry after the war, has been sent to Rabbi Wise by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio. It was revealed here to-day.

The message is described by the American Press as the first public declaration on the Jewish question since the start of the war.

It states that when victory is achieved an effort will be made to found a new world order based on "ideals of justice and peace" in which the "conscience of civilised humanity would demand that the wrongs suffered by the Jewish people in so many countries should be righted."

"Reuters" learns in London that Mr. Greenwood sent the message about a month ago through a close personal friend, who was going to America on a lecture tour.

AXIS PLANS FOR FRESH CAMPAIGN

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tion in the contemplated German attack against England.

Predictions

BERNE, Oct. 6 (Dome).—Neutral, as well as British sources, place mounting credence to the reports that the Nazi forces along the coast of the English Channel and the North Sea have completed last-minute preparations for an invasion of the British Isles, and are awaiting only the word to go.

It is similarly reported from Mediterranean points that Italian forces are set for a land drive toward Alexandria and Suez and down the Nile from Ethiopia.

Spain is also reported to be ready for an attack on Gibraltar with air and naval aid from Italy and Germany, despite the Axis assertions that Spain is remaining non-belligerent.

Travellers from Italy report the movements of Nazi Army engineers, specialists and even troops towards Italy by way of the Brenner Pass and across the Brenner Pass towards Libya, while other Nazi Army men have been flown to Italian positions on the upper Nile in Ethiopia.

German Denial

BERLIN, Oct. 6 (UP).—The German Radio and the Propaganda Ministry have flatly denied overseas reports that thousands of troops are ready to embark against Britain immediately which was alleged to have been broadcast by the German Radio.

"We can deny the report categorically one hundred per cent," the Propaganda Ministry said.

Mersa Matruh Defended

Italian Aircraft Repulsed

CAIRO, Oct. 6 (Reuters).—One enemy aircraft was hit and two others believed damaged by anti-aircraft fire when enemy bombers escorted by fighters, raided Mersa Matruh on Saturday, states an official communiqué from G.H.Q.

The raiders caused only three casualties and little damage. "There is nothing to report from other fronts."

ONE DAY OF AIR-RAIDS... BATHROOM PRISON TO HOLD GERMAN AIRMAN

HERE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED DURING ONE DAY'S RAIDS; THINGS HEROIC, AND TRAGIC, AND PURELY COMIC, JOSTLING ONE ANOTHER IN A TWELVE-HOUR FANTASY OF LIFE AND DEATH.

A Dornier, riddled with a Spitfire's bullets, fled south over the Thames estuary. Suddenly its tail snapped off and the bomber crashed—in a field near some houses. When householders hurried over they found two of the crew badly injured, the other two unhurt.

They took the uninjured men to a house and decided that they had better be separated.

So one of the Germans was invited to take a bath. He accepted—and was locked in the bathroom until soldiers arrived.

Bullet? No, Tea

MRS. BETTY TYLEE and Miss Jean Smithson were first to reach the young pilot of a Messerschmitt when it was shot down by an R.A.F. fighter.

He was lying some distance from his machine and he wore the Iron Cross.

His first question, in very good English: "Are you going to shoot me now?"

"No," said Mrs. Tylee. "We don't do that in England. Would you like a cup of tea?"

"Yes, please," he said eagerly. So they made the Nazi airman a cup of tea. Then the ambulance called to take him to hospital.

Moved, Seconded

A MEETING of the rural council was being held in a south-eastern district when raiders were reported in the area.

Solemnly the chairman rose and proposed: "That this meeting do adjourn to an air-raid shelter."

Suddenly a councillor rose: "I beg to second the motion."

Solemnly the councillors raised their hands. The chairman declared the motion carried. And solemnly they walked to an air-raid shelter, where the business of the meeting was continued.

Cat Stays On

MR and Mrs. Alfred Smith were walking through the streets of a south-eastern town when a raid began. They carried a jug and a saucepan, and they were going to their old home, destroyed by bombs a month ago.

They went on walking during the raid because they were expected—by Smiths, their cat.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Smith have a new home, Smiths refuses to leave the bricks and wood where he always lived. They have tried everything to get him away. Now they are resigned to taking the cat his food every day among the ruins of their own home.

As One War Buried

OVERHEAD on the south-east coast raged a terrific air battle. Below, a funeral procession wound its slow way to the cemetery.

Men in R.A.F. uniform carried the coffin. An R.A.F. chaplain conducted the service.

Above, one of the Nazi planes fell in black smoke.

Below, the mourners lowered into its grave the body of a young German airman, brought down four days earlier.

Boy Saves Baby

WHEN bombs fell in another south-east town a fifteen-year-old boy flung himself over his baby brother as glass splintered over them. The boy was slightly cut, the baby was unhurt.

Farmer's Greeting

A MESSERSCHMITT crashed in a field in which the farmer was reaping. The farmer dismounted and went over to the Nazi pilot. "Hi!" he said. "What do you mean by it? You nearly crashed atop of me and my reaper."

and also of those who heard the attacks, is conflicting.

This first-hand message is particularly interesting now, when it is considered necessary to reorganise the German A.R.P. None of the reports received from German and Swiss sources recently embodied any praise or special notice of the German ground defences.

It is to be presumed that, while criticism does not pass the German censor, correspondents would mention any special efficiency were it in evidence. It appears probable that not only the A.R.P. is in need of re-organisation, but that some anti-aircraft crews are not sufficiently trained.

A striking feature of the German Press is the absence of American news. There is absolute silence on important developments such as the American-Canadian talks.

CURATE INTERNED

Came From Czech-Slovakia

The Rev. K. F. Schwabacher, curate of St. Mark's Church, Plumstead, S.E., has been interned. His father is a German industrialist, and his family are connected with the German Lutheran Church.

Mr. Schwabacher came from Czech-Slovakia about twelve months ago, and was naturalised earlier this year. He was accepted for local A.R.P. work, and intended to do stretcher-party or first-aid work.

He says the evidence of witnesses

Legal Men Check Up On Nazi Aerial Losses

OUR figures of Nazi air losses are an understatement, according to an American journalist who visited a South-east England aerodrome.

"I have always thought that the Air Ministry's figures were an under-estimate," he said. "Now that I have seen the exacting and careful system of checking I have no doubt about it."

Attached to each fighter aerodrome is a station intelligence officer, where all pilots' reports are checked and counter-checked before being sent on to the Air Ministry. Each squadron using the aerodrome has its own intelligence officer.

Some of them were barristers in civil life. Many saw service in the last war.

Four Times Daily

One week some of these pilots made three or even four trips daily into the air.

A middle-aged intelligence officer said that in some cases he had not had time to take details from the pilots of one combat before they were sent into the air again to counter another German wave of bombers and fighters.

That is one reason why during the days of the hottest engagements reports were delayed and full details of German losses were not available until the early hours of the following morning.

For the purpose of determining enemy casualties three categories are used—destroyed, probable, and damaged.

A machine is claimed as destroyed only if it has been seen to blow up or be hopelessly on fire, or to have crashed on land or sea.

"Probables" are machines which have suffered extremely severe damage with pieces breaking away, or were seen to be crashing down, but were not observed to have hit the ground.

Hit Not Enough

The "damaged" are those which have not only been hit but have been seen to have suffered definite damage.

The pilots tell their stories calmly and impersonally, and they have some amusing as well as dramatic tales to tell.

One of them had to make a parachute landing. He came down in what seemed to him a "dead world." The sirens had gone, but, of course, he had not heard them.

"As I banged on a door," he said, "a deep voice from what seemed to be the bowels of the earth said, 'Who are you?' and out of an Anderson shelter stepped the occupant of the house."

"He had a shot gun, so I put my hands up. It's the safest thing to do in such circumstances, don't you think?"

St. Joseph's Defeat Royal Scots

ROYAL SCOTS and St. Joseph's met in a scrappy game at Soekunpoo yesterday, and the latter won by 2-0.

Positional changes in the first half rendered the Scots' forward line fairly innocuous in that period, but in the second half when players resumed their normal positions, the soldiers had several acres of bad luck when their shots either narrowly missed the goal or struck against the wood-work.

Defence honours must be conceded to the Scots' backs, Naysmith, Fraser, Farabee, Falconer, Simmer, Hossack, Marshall, Auld, Fleming, Gilroy.

St. Joseph's—S. Teang, Hussan, Bowen, St. Joseph's—Wassow, Loh, Kwal-cheun, Santos, Man Chan-kee, Gomes, Cruz.

The first goal was scored in the opening half. The first came from Santos, after receiving from Chan Kee, and the second was from the latter, though he seemed off-side at the moment, and he walked off while the referee was appealing.

Hossack, who was on the right wing in the first half, took over his usual position in the centre for the second period, and there was immediately a great change. Throughout the first half, play had been more or less confined to the left wing.

Where Gilroy and Fleming were the centre of the attack, when Hossack came into the centre to assist the Scots were more often down in their opponents' half of the field.

Their greatest obstacle, however, was that of the Russian-Bowen combination at back, though Lau Wing-hong, left half, appeared in an extremely favourable light.

The teams were:

Royal Scots—Duncan, Naysmith, Fraser, Farabee, Falconer, Simmer, Hossack, Marshall, Auld, Fleming, Gilroy.

St. Joseph's—S. Teang, Hussan, Bowen, St. Joseph's—Wassow, Loh, Kwal-cheun, Santos, Man Chan-kee, Gomes, Cruz.

U.K.-Bolivia Arrangements

—Payments

LONDON, Oct. 6 (Reuters).—New arrangements for regulating payments between the United Kingdom and Bolivia have been made by Treasury orders which come into force to-morrow.

Henceforth payments to persons in Bolivia from persons in the United Kingdom may be made only in sterling in a Bolivian bank.

A party of 230 Rumanian intellectuals from Transylvania, occupied by special arrangements have been made for payments relating to certain kinds of personal expenditure into Bolivian sterling area accounts.

All exports from the United Kingdom to Bolivia must be paid for in sterling from the Bolivian special account.

REFUGEES FLEE Hungarians' Out Scholars

From Transylvania

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They declared that they had been compelled to leave without warning by the Hungarian authorities.

Intransigent Intellectuals

BUDAPEST, Oct. 6 (Reuters).—The Hungarian Government has been "compelled to take reprisals and expel certain Rumanians" because of the "intransigent attitude" of the Rumanians.

League Tennis Play-Off

The play-off between South China and Chinese R.C. for the "B" Division tennis championship will be held at the Kowloon C.C. at 4 p.m. next Sunday.

SWEDES OPEN FIRE

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 6 (Reuters).—The defence authorities announced that a German multi-engine aircraft passed low over the Rind of Falsterbo in southern Sweden on Saturday afternoon.

Warning shots were fired and the aircraft disappeared.

LETTERS

Jehovah's Witnesses

To the Editor, The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—I am referring to the article published in your Friday's first edition entitled "Conchile Sect Calls Religion a Racket."

In the first place I should like to point out that Jehovah's witnesses are not a sect or cult. They are not religiousists. They are honest Christian people and the name given them is the name which Jehovah the Almighty God bestows upon his faithful creatures as is stated in Isaiah 43:10, which reads "We are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me and understand that I am he."

Having taken their stand for truth and righteousness their duty and obligation then is to sound a message of warning to the peoples of the nations; a message which exposes our enemies and directs honest persons of good will to the only means of protection which is of course in God's organisation. Their work is bitterly opposed by our enemies naturally, and we find the religious, commercial and political elements aligning themselves against them and against the proclamation of the message.

Religion is a racket and a sect which every sane thinking person cannot deny. Christianity, on the other hand, being diametrically opposed to religion is the only means by which salvation can be obtained.

Just what the object was in the reporter's account of his visit to the meeting certainly is not made clear, but as one of Jehovah's witnesses, I can confidently say that any and every attempt made to ridicule and belittle the work of these faithful people will not bring about the desired results.

To Jehovah's witnesses the faithful obedience of the Creator's commandments means everything. They realise that "the gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come." No earthly creature can successfully thwart Jehovah's purposes as is recorded for our benefit. "I have purposed it; I will also do it. Arranged upon me is my counsel, and I will accomplish God's purpose in having wickedness completely destroyed while righteousness and Jehovah's name will be securely vindicated."

It is therefore behoven each and every one of us to obtain a clear and unbiased appreciation of God's purposes in order that we may have the opportunity of enjoying the precious gift of life everlasting. The literature published by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society enables all persons to obtain this vital information and no one should permit anything to get in his way from procuring same. The "Watch Tower," 245 Prince Edward Road is the local address.

Trusting this will help clarify the mission and position of Jehovah's witnesses.

W. H. JOHN.

'The Truth Stiffens Our Backs'

—Lord Harewood

The Earl of Harewood, speaking at Hull said, "The Government need have no fear in trusting the people, or that the morale of the nation will be lowered by knowledge of the truth."

"Our morale would be upset if we became aware that the Government was not telling us the truth or that it was suppressing important facts."

"The truth, no matter how unpalatable, will stiffen the backs of ninety-nine out of every 100 people."

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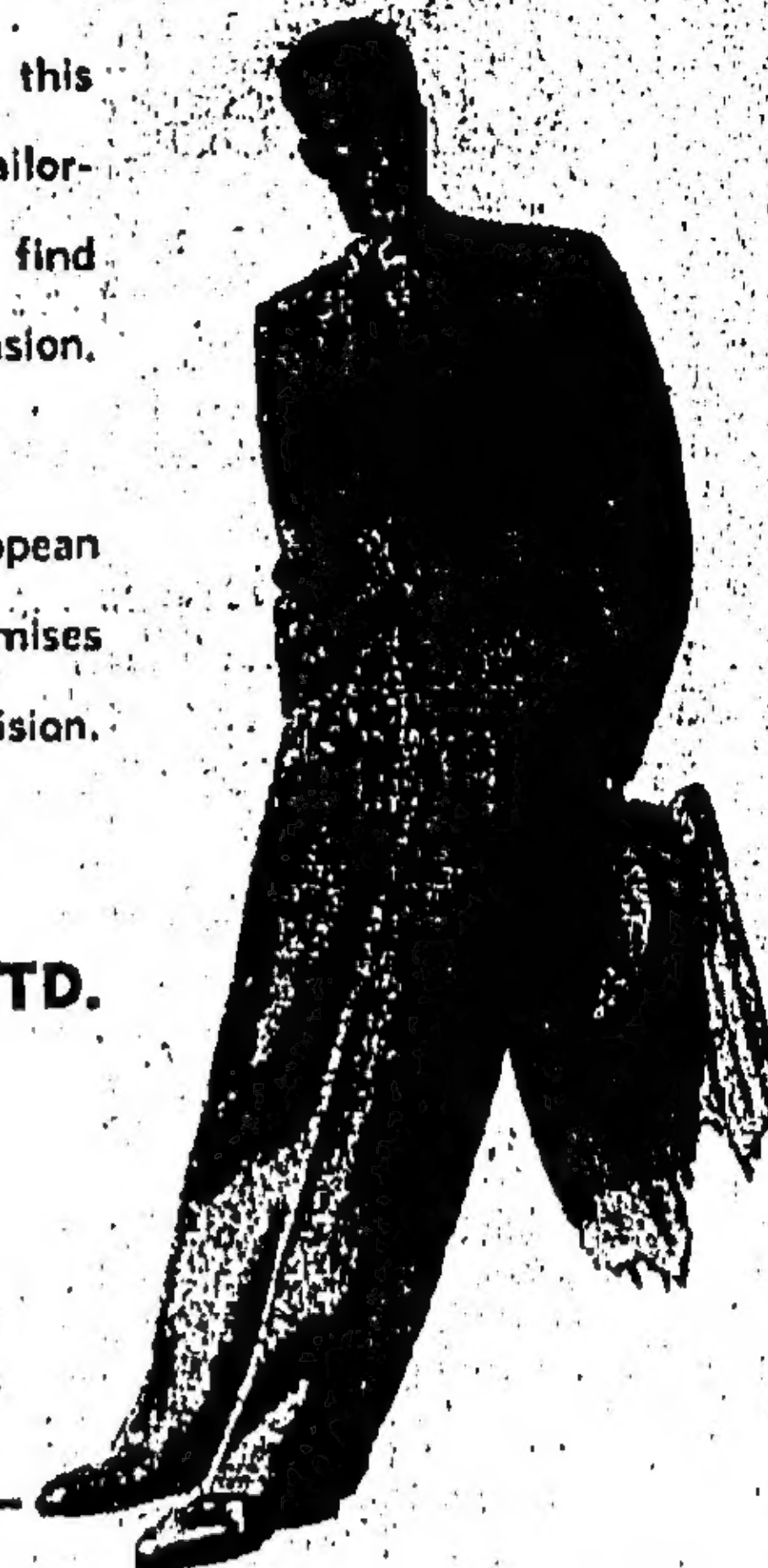
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

SOUTH CHINA BEAT POLICE 3-2

Chinese Narrowly Miss Scoring On Several Occasions

THOUGH it was only by the narrow margin of 3-2 that South China beat the Police in a First Division soccer match at Boundary Street yesterday, the number of occasions on which the Chinese only just failed to score belie the inference that they were hard put to secure their victory.

It was, however, an excellent game—fast and clean. There were, it is true, two penalties that resulted in goals—one for each—but the infringements could safely be put down to over-enthusiasm at critical moments.

The brisk short-passing movements were favourable to the fast moving South China XI, which was led once again by the redoubtable Lee Wai-long, but the latter was too well marked by Gough and Pope to be of any exceptional assistance to the Chinese van.

From the centre, nevertheless, originated most of the moves that took the ball into the Police half.

Chan Tak-fai, inside-right, and Chow Man-chee, inside-left, proved equal to the task that Lee was unable to perform. In fact, with the speedy wingers, Lau Chung-sang (right) and Lee Shek-yau (left), who were a vital part of the attack in their swift carriage of the ball down the line, the Chinese forward line worked in fine combination. These five made the Police defenders' task a difficult one.

Except for a slight weakness on the left, the South China halves did all that could be expected from them. They had an active forward in the person of Gordon. Police centre-forward, to look after, and when on occasions the Police penetrated their line, the sound understanding of Tsang Chung-wan and Tse Kung-hung provided a second obstacle.

As a result, Tam Kwan-hon, had little to do in the South China goal. One of the goals he allowed in was an unstoppable "spot" kick from Gordon, and the second was a great shot from Moss late in the game.

TAYLOR IN FORM

AT THE other end of the field, Taylor gave a surprisingly fine performance.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Ninth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 19th October, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on FRIDAY, 11th October, 1940.

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C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

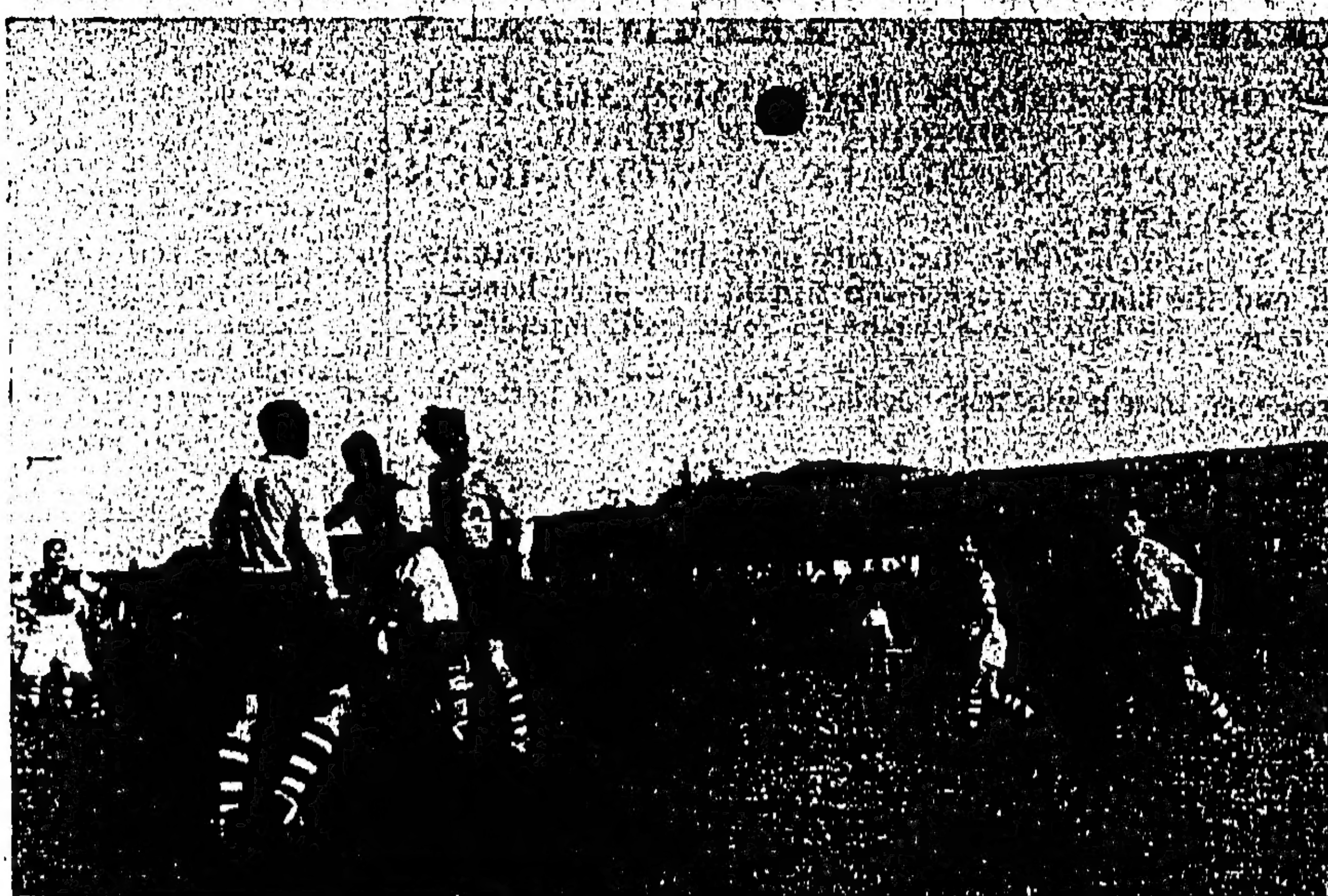
Results In Brief

First Division		
Police	2	South China
Royal Scots	0	St. Joseph's
Engineers	4	Club
Kowloon	2	Kwong Wah
Middlesex	1	Eastern
Second Division		
Police	1	South China
Royal Scots	2	Kit Chee
Engineers	4	Tsing Tao
Navy	0	Club
30th R.A.	1	R.A.O.C.
Kowloon	1	Kwong Wah
Middlesex	2	R.A.S.C.
Third Division		
Shell	1	7th R.A.
R.A.F.	3	A.S.A.
12th R.A.	1	35th R.A.
20th R.A.	1	Signals
R.E.	3	International
Medicals	2	R.A.S.C.
30th R.A.	2	24th R.A.

formance. His two front men, Blackburn and Parker, were staunch but not perfect in their covering movements, and he was therefore called upon to do a lot of work. He let in three goals, but one was a penalty kick taken by Lee Wai-long that was hardly seen by spectators let alone the goal-keeper; another was a shot that came out of the ruck from Lee Shek-yau that found Taylor partly unsighted, while the remaining one was from Chan Tak-fai and was a shot that not even Taylor with all his reach could get to. The halves were very hard-pressed and were constantly on the move. It was not surprising that in coping with the nippy Chinese attack, and in concentrating on Lee Wai-long in particular, they were not able to afford the assistance to their forwards that under different conditions they might have given.

Gough and Pope were very much to the fore, and though North was hard-working he was no match in speed for Lau Chung-sang.

A LIVE WIRE
Gordon was the live wire of the attack. He was in great form and gave the Chinese defenders their biggest problem. Together with Howlett and Wong Man-kwai, the right wing combination, they were several times on the verge of penetrating to the Chinese goal. Ferrier and Moss, on the left, had, perhaps, the more difficult task, in that the right flank of the Chinese defence was the more solid. The Chinese had the better of the exchanges, for with a little more



Chan Tak-fai (S. China) gets the ball. Gough challenges but fails. Parker (back to camera) and Lee Wai-long (extreme left) await the outcome with Pope (left) on the alert.—Ming Yuen.

accuracy in shooting the marginal difference would have been greater.

NARROW ESCAPES

They went through on many occasions, only to fall with shots that scraped the uprights. It was on one of these raids that they forced a corner from which came the first goal. Lau Chung-sang sent over a lovely centre that fell to Lee Shek-yau, who, after some tricky moving, sent in the ball from an angle that must have found Taylor partly unsighted.

Gordon equalised from the penalty, but Lee Wai-long put South China ahead again with a like award for charging in the Police area.

In the second half, South China increased their lead to 3-1 when, following another of their dazzling raids, Chan (inside-right) flashed the ball at the goal and not even Taylor could reach it.

The final goal of the match was scored in the last ten minutes. Police made one of their more successful attempts to get through, and Moss put the finishing touches to a fine movement.

Thereafter, however, South China took and kept the ball in the Police half for almost the remainder of the game.

The teams were:
Police: Taylor, North, Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Gordon, Farrier, Moss.
South China: Lau Chung-sang, Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kung-hung, Lau Hing-chai, Lam Tak-po, Luk Yee-hang, Lau Chung-sang, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-long, Chow Man-chi, Lee Shek-yau.

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No. 1306	348.40	
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RACE 2		
No. 1255	\$1,848.00	
No. 1,710, & 1020	254.00 each	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3712, 3912, 619, 1024, 3974, 1235, 2368, 301.		
RACE 3		
No. 2043	\$2,058.40	
No. 1008	558.40	
No. 1401	297.50	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2160, 621, 1960, 3044, 6004.		
RACE 4		
No. 313	\$2,079.00	
No. 2435	594.00	
No. 3148	297.50	
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No. 3353	592.40	
No. 1414	297.50	
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No. 908	643.00	
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RACE 7		
No. 1828	\$2,371.00	
No. 3703	677.00	
No. 1401	288.00	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3002, 880, 1764, 4208, 18, 1734, 2318, 3227, 464.		
RACE 8		
No. 3904	\$4,311.30	
No. 1408	1,203.30	
No. 3797	601.00	
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Jack Hirst Memorial Tourney At K.C.C.

FIRST ANNUAL competition for the Jack Hirst Memorial Shield was held at the Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday and resulted in a win for J. Hirst, A. W. E. Martin, J. Jack and H. Hirst, whose rink completed their games with a final lead of 15 shots.

The competition was run on the American tournament system, each rink played every other, and eight rinks took part. The winners, J. Hirst, A. W. E. Martin, J. Jack and H. Hirst, were presented with the trophy by the K.C.C. Secretary.

Five 'Varsity Aquatic Records Broken

Huang And Ng Tsun-man In The Limelight

IT WAS NOT UNEXPECTED that with Charles Huang and Ng Tsun-man, who figured prominently in the recent Colony Championships, swimming for Morrison Hall that hostel should take first place in the annual Aquatic Meeting held by the University in the European Y.M.C.A. pool on Saturday.

Neither was it too surprising that five records should have been broken. Three of these—the 220, 440 and 800 yards free-style events—being to the credit of Huang, the 100 yards free-style to Ng Tsun-man and the 100 yards breast-stroke to Wong Yat-hung (Lugard Hall).

But despite Huang's triple success, individual honors went to Ng Tsun-man whose versatility carried him successfully through many more events.

Morrison Hall won the Hostel Championship with 94 points, second being Rice Hall with 34.

A feature of the afternoon was an attempt by Ng Nin to better his own Colony record for the breast-stroke. Using the butterfly stroke, unpaced, he could only come within half a second of his new mark.

Another surprise was the victory of Huang over Ng Tsun-man in the 60 yards sprint, and the time returned was only 1/8 sec. over the record!

Lawn Bowls League

Recreio "A" Retain Senior Championship

AS GENERALLY anticipated, the Club de Recreio "A" took honours in the senior Division of the Lawn Bowls League when they beat the Civil Service C.C. on Saturday, and thus retained their title for another year.

The tight struggle between the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Tai Koo and Craigengower ended on Saturday, too, with honours for the Second Division going to the first named Club, who beat the Civil Servants by 46 shots.

Thus has ended another Bowls League programme. It has been a close one, for at one period in the First Division, Craigengower were well in line to remove the champions from their throne.

The situation was made more interesting when the Portuguese Club surprisingly went under to the Police at the Valley, but the destination of the Shield was made practically certain when Recreio "A" beat Craigengower a few weeks ago in what might have been the greatest game of the year—had Craigengower won!

TRIANGULAR STRUGGLE

The three-way struggle in the Second Division has always been one of continual changes in fortune. Competition in this section has certainly been more open, for the Kowloon Football Club, too, were at one time interested.

Now, however, all disputes are settled, and the three League winners were:

First Division—Club de Recreio "A"
Second Division—Kowloon Bowling Green Club
Third Division—Prison Officers Club

H. E. Marks, plus 1.
H. E. Marks, A. Stevens, E. Zimmerman, M. N. Rakusen, minus 1.
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HONGKONG AND LINGNAN UNIVERSITIES REVIVE ATHLETIC MEETINGS

REVIVING athletic meetings that were begun some twelve or thirteen years ago, but which have been discontinued for the past few years, the Hongkong University and the Lingnan University, formerly of Canton, meet to-day on the athletic field at Pokfulam.

Rivalry is keen—as keen perhaps as that out of which the Meets originally arose—and this has been made most apparent in the enthusiastic training that has been in progress over the several weeks despite the heat. Since the Chinese University moved to Hongkong following hostilities in Canton, their athletic activities (running) have been curtailed, and their general standard must have suffered. Their track in Canton was one of the finest in South China, as many of the former Hongkong University athletes will verify, and it was a great blow and loss to the students to have had to leave it.

It is because of this that the local undergraduates are favoured to take laurels in this revival meeting.

The programme is one that extends over four days—concluding on Thursday, October 10 (Double Tenth)—and principal trophy of the Meeting will be that presented by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo for annual competition.

TO-DAY'S EVENTS

The first event will be run off at 4.15 p.m. The events on the programme are the 220 yards low hurdles, 880 yards run, Pentathlon and 10,000 metres.

The following are the competitors: Low Hurdles: Y. C. Lam and T. S. Leung (Lingnan), K. M. Au and T. T. Chin (H.K.U.); 880 yards: Chan Kwok-hung and Fu Wo-fung (Lingnan), S. Singh and T. S. Wong (H.K.U.); Pentathlon: Fred Kwai and C. Y. Ip (H.K.U.), Yu Mow-wai and Ma Hok-ming (Lingnan); 10,000 metres: C. W. Yeung and O. V. Cheung (H.K.U.), M. K. Yuen (Lingnan).

Swimming

Presentation Of Prizes At V.R.C.

ANOTHER very enjoyable function at the Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday was the presentation of prizes for the year. The occasion had the informality that is one of the most pleasant features of the Club, and following the swimming of

Shek-O Golf

Championship Won By Col. H.B. Rose

Old Course Record Broken By Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell

A Record breaking round of 65 in the morning failed to offset a poor score of 80 for the afternoon, and Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell had to concede first place in the Shek-O Golf Championship yesterday to Col. H. B. Rose, who with rounds of 72 and 71 returned a card of 143.

It must, however, be pointed out that the present Par for the new 18 holes is 84—that of the old course being 70.

And it was only on the 17th hole of the afternoon round that Lt. Col. Mitchell conceded the two strokes that gave away the title. He was unfortunate in striking his opponent's ball on the green and incurred the penalty of two strokes.

Leading scores were:
Col. H. B. Rose... 72 71 143
Lt. Col. Mitchell... 65 80 145
F. Groves... 80 87 147
D. B. Evans... 73 77 150
Lt. Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin... 78 72 150

JUNIOR TITLE

The Junior Championship was won by Lt. Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin with his two cards totalling 150.

BOGEY POOLS

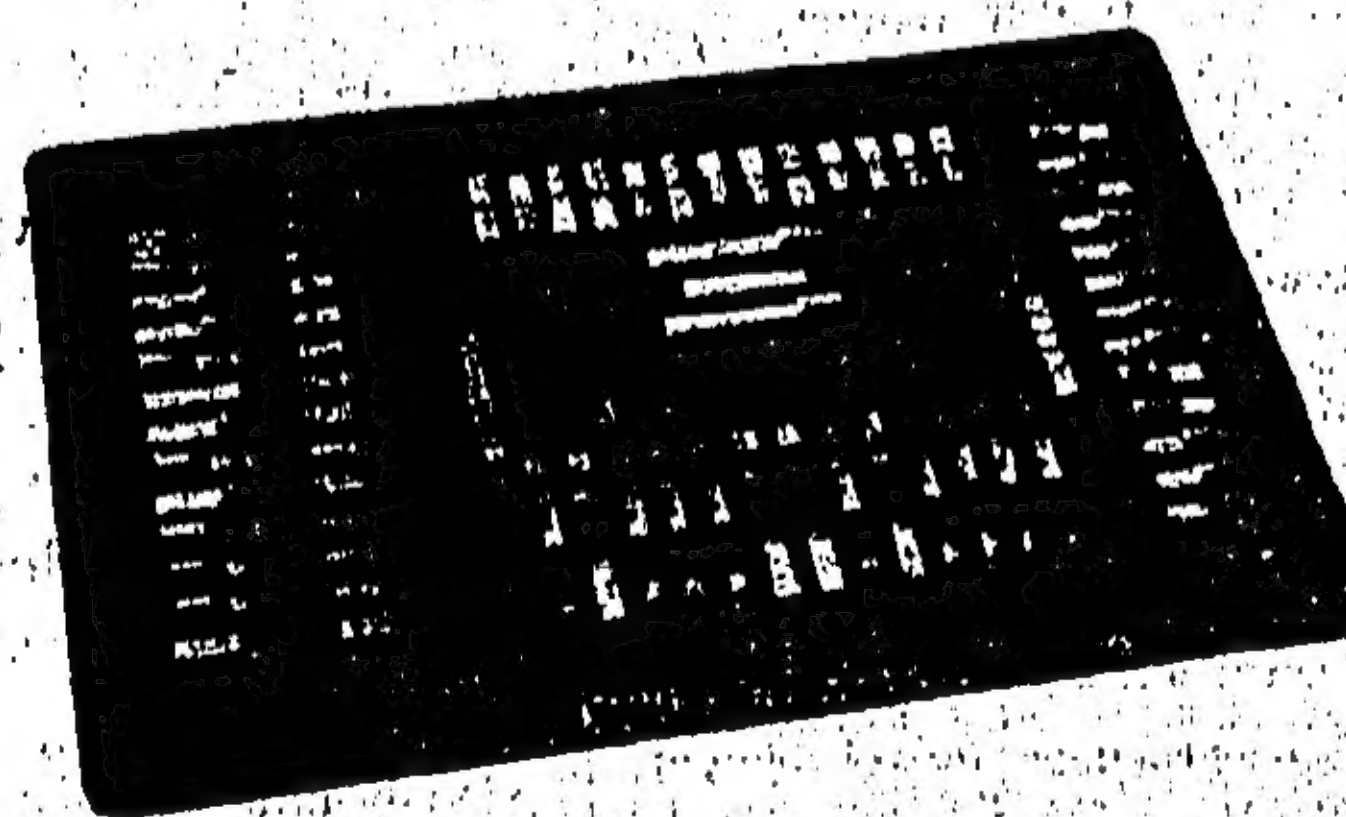
The morning bogey pool competition was won by Lt. Col. Mitchell (7), and the afternoon competition by Lt. Col. Dowbiggin (17).

several of the finals, the members gathered together for dinner. Miss M. Noronha, one of the most popular of the women members, distributed the awards following the grand medley of events that comprised the programme.

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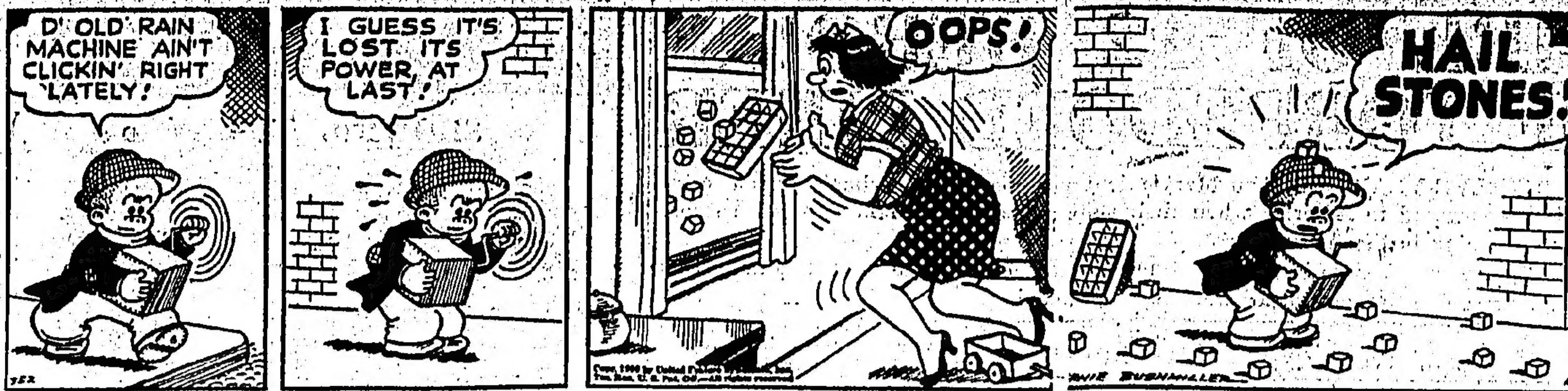
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GRACIE FIELDS' REPLY TO M.P.'s CRITICISM

"Everything I have—and the same applies to my husband—is the British Government's whenever they want it," declared Miss Gracie Fields in Toronto, when she was interviewed in connection with what she termed the "uproar" over her affairs.

Referring to a question in the House of Commons, she said that the amount she took out of the country was £28,000, and a minimum of jewellery.

"The uproar is a complete mystery to me," Miss Fields added. "I am working every day for the Government under the direction of Mr. Basil Dean, and am not making a cent for myself in war services."

"All my assets are in England. I don't see why I should be persecuted like this. Let the Government look up their files. They will soon find out I haven't taken everything out of the country. This isn't the first time the matter has been brought up in Parliament."

"I have been working harder in the past few months than I have ever done before, and it has not been for myself."

"I am getting sick and tired of it all. It's all an uproar. My home is in England. I intend going back. I can't understand why I should be persecuted."

"I seem to have annoyed a lot of people by marrying an Italian. It was all right before the war. I have earned a penny for myself since the war started. I'm disgusted with the whole thing. It's not fair. I've turned down several attractive offers to do this work. I don't blame Canada or Canadian people for this unpleasantness. They've been wonderful to me."

Money Banks "Bitter"

Bitter comment regarding his wife, who is Miss Gracie Fields, and himself, was made by Monte Banks, the film director.

"Just because I'm an Italian," he said, "they are trying to make things disagreeable for Monte Banks. I wish they would stop. She has been giving generously of her time and talents. If they bother us any more, I'm going to telephone her to come home and live like a normal person."

Mr. Banks added that Miss Fields was now in Canada giving concerts for war relief funds.

"I am not a British citizen and it was my own money," he said. "Anyway, we followed the usual procedure when we came from England, making the regular application for permission to take our money with us."

Mr. Banks said that the statement made in the House of Commons was untrue. As an American citizen, he could take as much money as he wished from England.

Captain Crookshank stated in the House of Commons that in October, Mr. Banks applied independently for the transfer of roughly £20,000 to America.

His application was allowed on business grounds, to enable him to carry on his business as a film producer, in the expectation that considerable dollar earnings would be surrendered for our benefit.

These expectations not having been realised, the decision was not justified by events, but he remained liable to account for his dollar balances. A promise was received from Mr. Banks on May 21 to surrender the money, but he left the country without doing so, and without applying for or receiving any allocation of exchange.

THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY BRITISH CHILD EVACUEES, BOUND FOR CANADA, WERE ABOARD A LINER TORPEDOED IN THE ATLANTIC BY A GERMAN SUBMARINE.

They were asleep when the U-boat struck, but everyone was saved, it was announced. Most of them are home with their parents. They landed at a Scottish port. Nearly 600 other passengers and crew were also rescued.

The liner, blacked-out and silent, but for the throb of her engines, was pushing her way through rough seas as the torpedo hit her.

Within three and a half minutes of being roused, the 320 children were standing coolly at their lifeboat stations—exactly as they had practised it six times since the voyage began.

Some were in pyjamas, some half-clothed, others wearing only an overcoat under their life jackets. But they faced the worst peril of their lives with the spirit of the men of Dunkirk.

They sang. As they stepped into the lifeboats they roared "Roll Out the Barrel."

And they carried out orders in darkness.

Yet none of them is over 15 years old. Many are nearer five.

"Salt Of Earth"
Best description of their courage comes from Mr. C. H. Hindley, Gosport headmaster, under whose care they were travelling.

When he landed, with 74 of the children at a Scottish port, he said: "The way those children behaved proved that they were the salt of the earth."

"There was no crying, not a whimper. There was a bit of sickness in the boats, because the sea was rough, but those who were not ill sang 'Roll Out the Barrel' as they had never sung it before."

"Some admitted that they sang it so loud that they could not hear the others being ill."

"One eight-year-old in my boat said: 'We don't want Hitler to think we can beat us that easy.'"

"Our boat was finally brought alongside a ship, and, with a banana basket slung from the derricks, we sent the children up three at a time."

"The ship had limited accommodation, and suddenly having to take on many extra men, women, and children, taxed resources."

Water Rationed
"With the food we had brought in the lifeboats we managed to give the youngsters food. Water had to be rationed strictly and washing was barred."

When the ship was struck it was found that holds were filling. The children were ordered to take to the boats. After about four boats were away, the ship ceased settling and an attempt was made to recall the boats.

This was unsuccessful. Then a third hold began to fill, and the order to take to the boats was given again. Everyone got away safely except the purser, who was fatally injured when he missed a step entering the boat.

The boats kept together by torch signalling until rescue ships (one a warship) picked them up.

The children were still singing when they were landed.

Boy's Story
This is what 12-year-old Douglas Greer, of Newcastle, told a reporter: "My lifeboat swung against the side of the ship. I saw the hole made by the torpedo—it was five yards wide."

"When we were picked up, it was funny to see the big fruit baskets coming down and then being hauled up into the dark. They had to go a long way."

"They only took the little children and some seashell ones in the baskets. We bigger boys and some girls climbed up a rope-ladder. We had to hold on tight because the ship was rocking a lot."

One party was welcomed at the docks by Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Under-Secretary for the Dominions, and chairman of the Children's Overseas Reception Board, who happened to be on a short holiday near the port at which the children landed.

He spent all day with them, and in a message to the Overseas Reception Board, he said: "There was not even a bruise among them. It was an intervention of Providence. God is surely looking after my children."

Can Sail Again
Mr. Shakespeare said all the children will be offered the chance to sail for Canada again. They all say they want to take it.

Birth-Rate Is Expected To Rise

6,500 War Babies In Britain Every Week

Marriages, Too

A BIG leap in Britain's birth-rate is expected to be announced shortly. Sociologists are waiting eagerly for the figures showing births, marriages, and deaths in Britain during this year's first six months—six months of war.

Already birth statistics are known for London and 126 towns, and despite the movement of thousands of people from town to country the birth-rate shows no decline.

In Country Areas
In the country areas, where the number of residents has been vastly increased by movement from the towns, a big increase in births is expected, making the general rate for the whole country soar.

The six months which have seen this increase started badly. For four successive weeks in January the number of deaths in England and Wales outnumbered the births.

Then the increase in the number of babies began. Now more than 6,500 are born in Britain every week.

New Record
The new statistics are also expected to show a high record for marriages, which means that a continued rise in the number of births can almost certainly be expected.

Not long ago doctors, politicians, and sociologists were forecasting a dangerous decline in Britain's population if the falling birth-rate was not checked.

Harley-street specialist said: "The problem is by no means solved. The increase in marriages and births is a wartime state of affairs. It is a hopeful sign, but no more."

The decline in the number of girl babies is the root of this tremendous problem.

After Victory
"In 1920, the first year of real peace after the last war, this country had its highest number of births ever recorded—907,974."

The same thing is likely to happen again when peace comes; but it will not be enough.

"Children are our most priceless possessions. Next to victory they should come first. After the war population will be one of the foremost problems to be tackled."

to sail for Canada again. They all say they want to take it.

Hotels in the port at which they landed gave the boys and girls food. Local people gave them clothes and they were sent off to a big centre before going home.

But many of them have already declared that they still want to go away.

The official statement by the Reception Board reports: "The chief escort was the headmaster of a school, and included among the rest were seven teachers, the master of a well-known college in the south of England, a manager from a children's hospital, a deaconess, a chaplain, a hostel warden, a school matron, a Salvation Army captain and two Quakers."

"This company of children was drawn almost entirely from State-aided schools in London; Manchester, Birmingham, Yorkshire, Northumberland, Cardiff, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Lincoln, Cambridge, Aldershot, Newark, Enfield, Isle of Wight, Bristol, Southampton, Chelmsford, Newport, Scarborough, Dundee, Glasgow, Inverness, Kirkcaldy, Aberdeen, Ayrshire, Dumfrieshire."

Women Set Them All To Salvaging

An idea by Mrs. Mary Rhodes, of Davyhill Estate, Walkerville, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has set everyone on the estate on the hunt for "any old iron."

One day Mrs. Rhodes, deciding to do her bit for victory, started her own private salvage dump. So the trim back garden of her council house in three days took on the guise of a junk yard.

Old bicycles, tin baths, bottles, bedsteads, tinders, and, in fact, every type of salvage littered the lawn.

Boys on the estate helped her. They "scrounge" every bit of old iron they set their eyes on. In three days there were two tons of it, and along came a special collection lorry to cart it away to the city's main salvage dump.

Rival Dumps
Now rival dumps have sprung up on the estate. The slogan for the people of the dumps is, "The more we get, the better." Already the boys and girls on the estate have started rival scrounging gangs.

Mrs. Rhodes said: "I thought it was a good way of doing my bit to help beat Hitler. Every estate should have its permanent dump, collection of salvage to go on all the time not just in special efforts."

"I am trying to keep my dump going for the duration."

Convicts Of Britain Are On War Work

Thousands of prisoners in British gaols are doing war work. Workshops have been fitted with modern machinery to eliminate the slow methods which made production a task.

A great deal of the bedding needed for the rapidly increasing Army is being made inside prison walls.

Bolsters and pillow-slips are turned out in vast numbers. Prisoners are also doing ironwork and carpentry to meet Service requirements.

They are producing brushes of various kinds at the rate of a million a year.

The Navy and Merchant Service get rope fenders from them. Prisoners are also making containers of tin and other materials, and also making paint tins.

Boys in one of the Borstal institutions are turning out year to year the most reliable.

Spain Is Feeling The Pinch

Food Goes To Germany

Mr. Thomas Edward Lawrence is a master of languages in Bilbao, Spain.

Or, rather, that is what he was until a few weeks ago, for Mr. Lawrence has just returned to London after an exciting trip through the Bay of Biscay to Liverpool.

He has lived in Spain for 30 years. He says that the people in Bilbao are starving.

Bad Black Bread
Oil is unobtainable, wheat has been commandeered.

He spent three weeks trying to find an ounce of sugar, and the black bread is so deleterious that there are epidemics of skin troubles and boils.

These the doctors cannot treat because there is nothing else but this black bread for the population to eat.

Spain's New Tourists
Reason is that everything in Spain is being openly shipped via Italy to Germany.

The Nazis have taken the whole of the Spanish harvest—all their sugar, all their oil and petrol, even their Japanese rice.

Meanwhile thousands of German soldiers in uniform and with rifles, Nazi officers with swords and pistols have streamed into Bilbao from the frontier town of Irun.

They say they are "tourists" coming from occupied France to look at the country.

German submarines arrive every evening at Bilbao and Vigo and slip away the next morning after filling up with oil and food.

What petrol is left can be bought by the population at £1 5s. a gallon. General Franco is faced with the choice of surrounding himself with pro-German Fascists who are violent Anglophobes or quitting office.

Mr. Lawrence says that for a month before his departure the cafes were filled with swagging German officers in uniform who openly said that any provisions sent to Spain would go straight to Germany.

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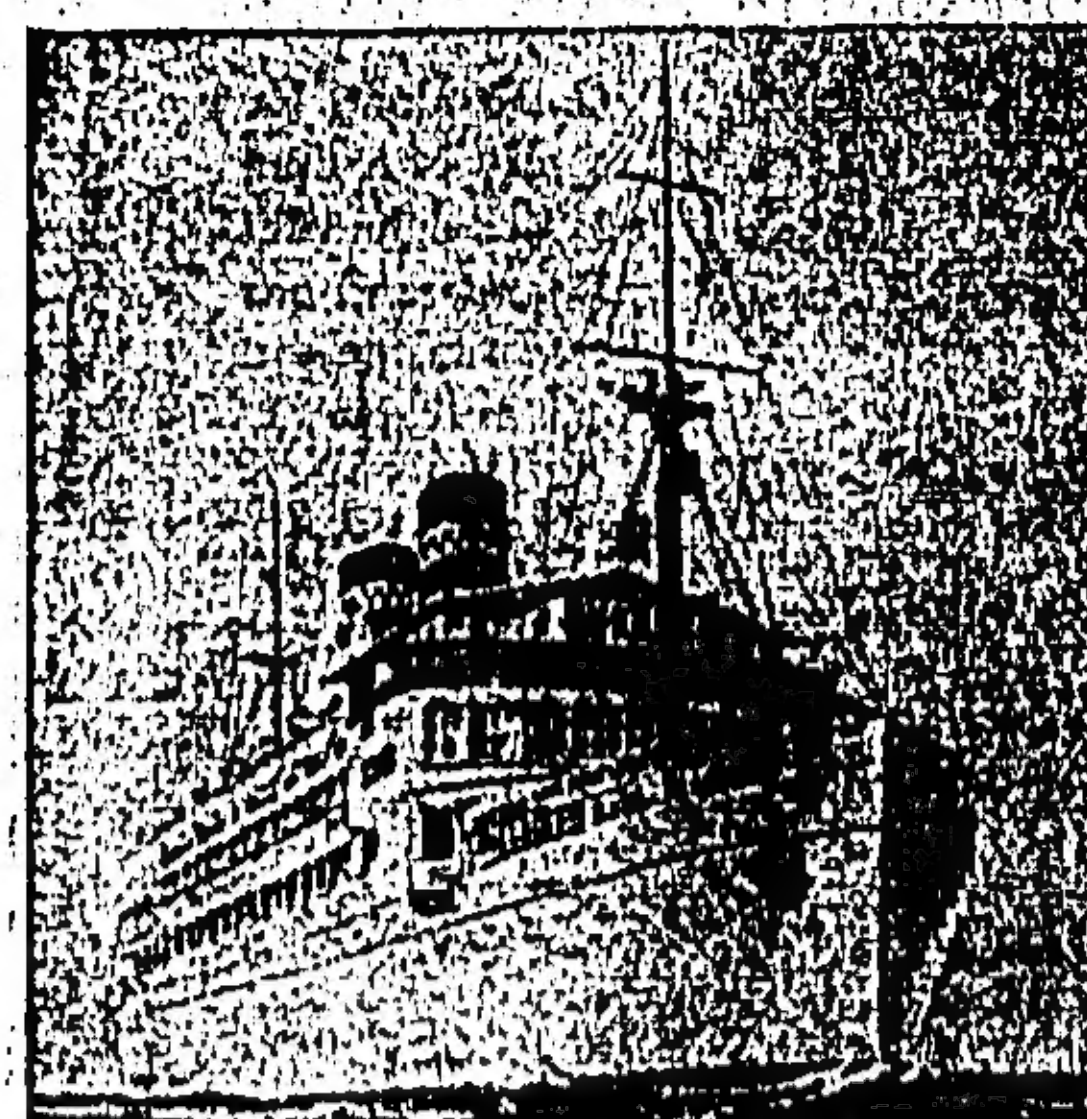
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TWELVE-YEAR-OLD Ann Meryl Reid was one of six schoolchildren being privately evacuated to America when their ship, a 5,000-ton freighter, was torpedoed without warning in the Atlantic.

But Ann refused to be scared. She showed such courage and resource that the crew are going to recommend her for a medal.

Fast Cars, New-Type Machine-Guns Americans In London Arm To Aid Britain —Mobile Reserve

LIEUT.-GENERAL Sir Bertram Sergison-Brooke, General Officer Commanding the London Area, recently inspected equipment which Mr. A. P. Buquor has had shipped from the United States for the American Mobile Defence units which he has organised among American business men in London.

Nazi Radio Knows How To Take A Hint

Intensity of the R.A.F. raids on Germany seems likely to force all German radio stations to close down nightly at 10 o'clock.

The public has now learned that German radio silence means the bombers of the R.A.F. are busy over enemy territory.

Radio stations make excellent navigation aids for the bombers as they are ready to use German stations if the enemy is kind enough to keep broadcasting.

The true story of the switching-off of the German stations on one night can now be told. It shows how jumpy the enemy must be.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, was speaking in Parliament in one sentence he said: "There the strong arm of the R.A.F. will reach out, and is reaching out, this very night, and there we shall break the fetters with which Hitler seeks to bind the peoples of Europe."

The Minister's words were sent out on the news tapes. A few minutes later all German radio stations suddenly closed down.

The war of nerves seems to be receding on the Nazis.

These machine-guns, which the general saw taken from the high-powered cars of the unit and assembled on the ground within 20 seconds, are only part of the armament of these American units.

Grenades, Too

The big, fast cars, gifts of members, each have a crew of four, and in addition to the machine-guns are armed with automatic rifles, revolvers, and grenades.

In each car there is a receiving wireless set, and staff cars are equipped with transmitters working on a special wave-length allotted by the War Office and Air Ministry.

This American force is being helped in its training by N.C.O.s of the Scots Guards.

"Hello Girl" Who Got 38s For Planes

She will frame the thanks

Miss F. R. Rawle, day supervisor at Winchester telephone exchange, was the telephone operator who collected thirty-eight shillings from the staff for Spitfire screws, which Lord Beaverbrook acknowledged in his broadcast.

Every one of the thirty-two in the exchange gave something. Lord Beaverbrook acknowledged the gift by letter personally.

Miss Rawle is so proud of it that I think she is going to have it framed," said a friend.

KOWLOON PREPARES AMBULANCE WORKERS' LARGE SCALE EXERCISE

All Kowloon divisions of the St. John Ambulance Brigade numbering about 400 men and 150 nurses took part in large scale exercises yesterday morning.

First aid posts were manned and "casualties" were reported and cleared to the following stations, the Precious Blood Hospital, Maryknoll Convent School, Heep Yunn School and the Out-patients Department, Kowloon Hospital.

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Daring Attack By Japanese Land On Aerodrome And Burn Planes

Japanese Base, Oct. 5.

For the second time since the war, Japanese airmen landed on a Chinese aerodrome to set fire to grounded Chinese planes on Friday.

Holding the Tapingssu aerodrome near Chengtu, capital of Szechuan, four Japanese naval fighters out of a large fighter formation with four non-commissioned naval fliers under the command of Lieutenant Tamotsu Yokoyama, Senior Grade, landed on the aerodrome after shooting down five Soviet-built F-5 fighters and one Soviet-built SB bomber.

The landing was with a view to setting fire to six grounded Chinese planes which were damaged by machine-gunning which previously set fire to 19 other grounded machines.

With a box of matches in one hand and a pistol in the other, four non-commissioned officers jumped from the cockpits and sped across the field. Chinese anti-parachutist troops opened fire with light machine-guns and rifles, but their aim was erratic as they were too much surprised by the boldness of the Japanese. Successfully setting fire to six aircraft, the Japanese aviators broke into the airfield headquarters, which they also set on fire. They then turned their attention to gasoline tanks.

The fliers then returned to their machines unscathed and took off amid the burning Chinese machines and buildings to return to their base safely.

The day's bag consisted of 31 Chinese aeroplanes. The Japanese raiders appeared over Chengtu at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

It will be recalled that on July 18 at Nanchang Chinese grounded "a Chinese" and "Hungary" at the Nanchang aerodrome were set afire after landing by Japanese naval fliers under the command of Lieutenant Shochi Koyama, Junior Grade, Domei.

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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,305 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	64 n.
Chartered	10 3/4
Mercantile, A. & B.	20 3/4
Mercantile, C. & E.	10 3/4
East Asia	10 3/4
INSURANCES	
Canton	200 n.
Union	405 n.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	150 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglases	120 n.
Steamboats	11 n.
Indo-China P.	100 n.
Indo-China D.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers)	35 n.
Waterboats	60 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	91 n.
Docks (old)	10 3/4
Docks (new)	10 3/4
Providents	430 n.
Shai Dockyards	34 1/4 n.
MINING	
Kailan	14 n.
Ruhs	14 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 n.
LANDS	
Hotels	34 n.
Lands	30 3/4 n.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
Star Lands Sh.	11 1/4 n.
Humphreys	7 1/4 n.
H.K. Realities	3 3/4 n.
Chinese Estates	10 1/4 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams	15 7/8 n.
Peak Trams (old)	7 1/4 n.
Peak Trams (new)	3 3/4 n.
Y. Ferries	59 1/2 n.
China Lights	23 n.
China Lights (new)	6 3/4 n.
H.K. Electric (old)	37 1/4 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	37 n.
Macao Electric (old)	17 n.
Macao Electric (new)	10 n.
Sandakan Lights	11 n.
Telephones (old)	23 n.
Telephones (new)	10 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cold: Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. \$14.90 n.
Cold: Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. \$12 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cement	15 1/4 n.
H.K. Ropes	5.80 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	18 n.
Watsons	8 3/4 n.
Lane Crawford	7.45 n.
Sincere	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	39 n.
Powell Ltd.	1 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	43 3/4 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	181 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 4%	99 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	95 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940)	95 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 Gds.	35 1/2 n.
H.K. Entertainment	6.60 n.
Constructions (old)	1.60 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro. Piling	8 n.
Messum Inv. (Lon.)	8 1/2 n.
Messum Inv. (H.K.)	12 1/2 n.

SWEDES OPEN FIRE

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—The defence authorities announced that a German multi-engine aircraft passed low over the city of Falsterbo in southern Sweden on Saturday afternoon. Warning shots were fired, and the aircraft disappeared.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAY
In accordance with Government Ordinance, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Thursday, the 10th October, 1940. (The Tenth day of October).
Hongkong, 5th October, 1940.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the offices of the Colonial Treasury (Accountant-General's Department) will be removed to Third Floor, Windsor House, Des Voeux Road, Central, on Monday, 14th October, 1940. The present offices at the General Post Office Building will close at the close of business on Wednesday, October 9th and the Treasury will not open for public business on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 10th, 11th and 12th. Any amounts falling due on these dates will be received on or before October 14th without surcharge or other penalty.

ERIC W. PUDNEY,
Accountant-General.
5th October, 1940.

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By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 4th October, 1940.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that no person is authorised to solicit or collect donations for the War Fund organised by this Company.

All donations, with the exception of those sent through The Hongkong War Effort Committee, or other properly constituted bodies, should be forwarded, and cheques made out to "War Fund—South China Morning Post, Ltd."

R. WYLIE,
General Manager.

UNDEFINED STATUS

Spain And The Axis
MADRID, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—Before leaving Rome for Spain yesterday, Senor Serrano Suner, the Spanish Minister of the Interior, is reported to have had a 40-minute conversation with Count Ciano after the latter's return from Brenner.

Messages from Rome and Berlin continue to assure Spain that the Brenner meeting was neither a preliminary to a peace offensive nor denotes weakness of the Axis.

Papers here all make much of Senor Suner's return but no indication is given as to the nature of the conversations.

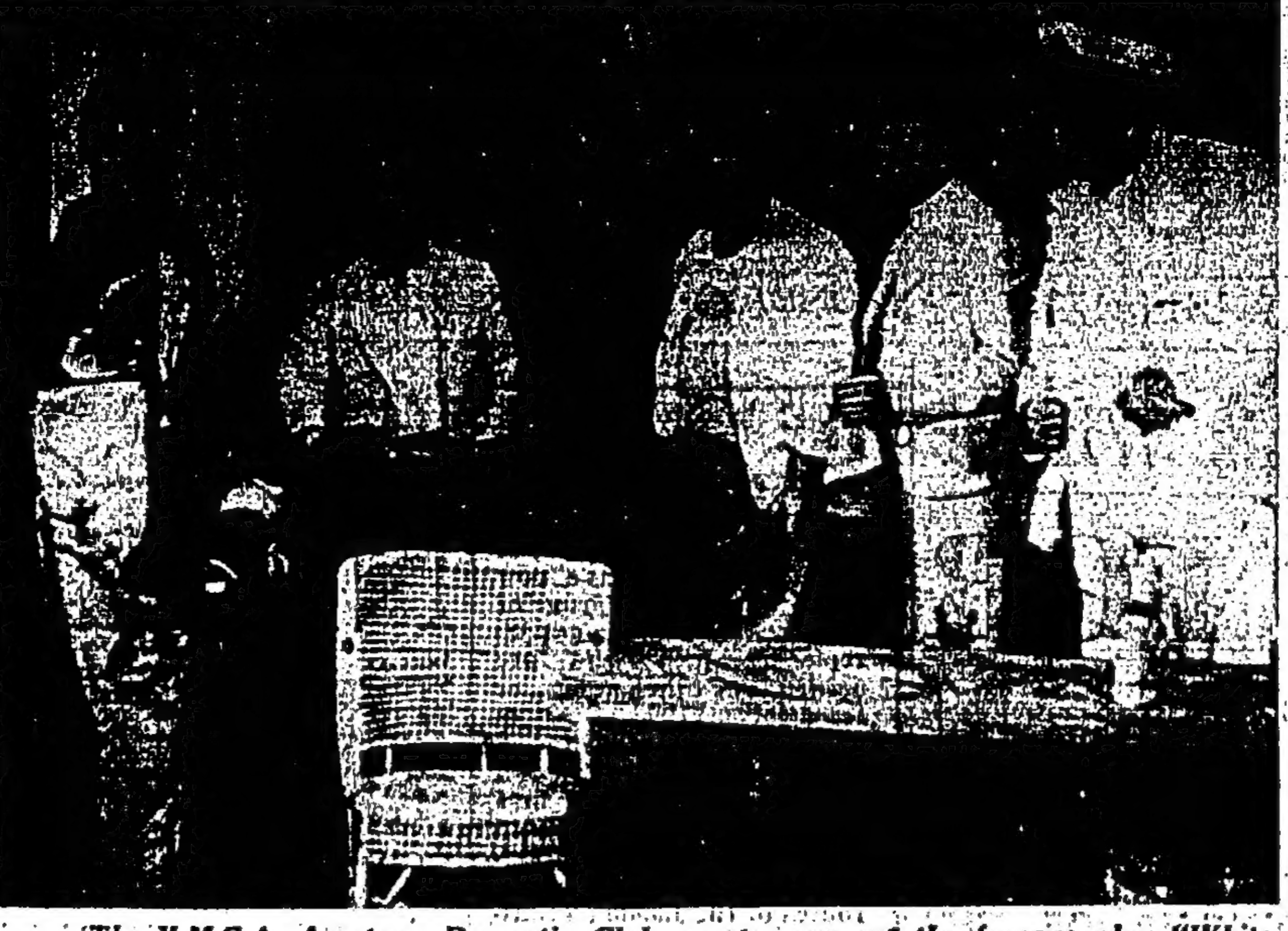
"Arriba," the official organ of the Falange Party, of which Senor Suner is the head, counsels against speculation, making it clear that nothing will be published about the talks.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.02 Rawlins and Landauer (Two pianos).
1.13 Ambrose and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Latest Variety.

2.15 Close down.
6.0 p.m. "The Bronze Horse" (Overture) (Auber), London Philharmonic Orch. conducted by Constant Lambert.

6.10 Suite for Orchestra—"Impressions d'Italie" (Chapentier), Symphony Orchestra conducted by the Composer.

6.30 Closing local Stock quotations.
6.35 Symphony No. 29 in A Major (Mozart), London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

7.0 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
7.30 Compositions of Sir Edward German.

8.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
8.02 This Week's Programmes.

8.06 A Variety Programme.
9.0 London Relay—News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Topical Talk.
9.45 Musical Comedy Selections.

10.0 An Hour of Dance Music.
11.0 Close down.

FRANCE NOT TO FIGHT WITH AXIS

—FROM PAGE ONE—

Pacific to keep the Japanese fleet in Asiatic waters.

The newspaper "Le Temps" says: "If President succeeds, a new defence line will be established which would definitely block off the Japanese fleet and prevent the Nipponese navy from suddenly menacing the coast of Chile."

If the new continental defence plan works out, the present naval defence line from Australia to Hawaii would be extended across the Pacific to the British Far Eastern naval bases. Conversations in London and Washington point towards the extension of the naval defence to the British bases at New Zealand and Singapore.

CHANNEL PORTS BOMBED

—FROM PAGE ONE—

Their salvos of heavy bombs smashed quays and damaged the drydock.

Ammunition Sheds Hit?
One pilot reported that his bombs, which struck on the road by the side of one of the quays, caused a series of heavy explosions as if ammunition sheds had been hit.

Another squadron reported heavy fires at Gravelines after they had dropped heavy bombs and large quantities of incendiaries.

AIRCRAFT RESCUES AT SEA

—500 Saved

LONDON, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—Drifting helplessly on the grey wastes of the Atlantic, two boatloads of people, survivors of a lost ship, suffered severely from thirst.

Suddenly a Sunderland flying boat searching for submarines while escorting a convoy, swooped down. The crew had spotted two dots on the ocean.

The survivors signalled that they had food but no water.

The flying boat crew dropped their own fresh water supply and then went off to fetch a rescue ship to the scene.

Women On Raft
A few days later two women on a raft were sighted from the air and the women were saved.

Telling these stories to-day, the Air Ministry news service states that nearly 500 survivors of ships lost in the Atlantic have been saved in the last few months by the good work of Coastal Command aircraft.

Sunderland flying boats—both of the R.A.F. and the Royal Australian Air Force—and other aircraft, are on patrol far out into the Atlantic every day escorting convoys.

AXIS PLANS FOR FRESH CAMPAIGN

—FROM PAGE ONE—

mounting credence to the reports that the Nazi forces along the coast of the English Channel and the North Sea have completed last-minute preparations for an invasion of the British Isles, and are awaiting only the word to go.

It is similarly reported from Mediterranean points that Italian forces are set for a land drive toward Alexandria and Suez and down the Nile from Ethiopia.

Spain is also reported to be ready for an attack on Gibraltar with air and naval aid from Italy and Germany, despite the Axis assertions that Spain is remaining non-belligerent.

Travellers from Italy report the movements of Nazi Army engineers, specialists and even troops towards Italy by way of the Brenner Pass and across the Mediterranean towards Libya, while other Nazi Army men have been flown to Italian positions on the upper Nile in Ethiopia.

German Denial
BERLIN, Oct. 6 (UP).—The German Radio and the Propaganda Ministry have flatly denied overseas reports that thousands of troops are ready to embark against Britain immediately which was alleged to have been broadcast by the German Radio.

"We can deny the report categorically one hundred per cent," the Propaganda Ministry said.

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A total of \$1,237,334.01 was received on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. The latest Harbour Office Nickels and Dimes Weekly, \$1.25.

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Glenister, 1.00
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I. L. A. Ret. Club, 1.00

LETTERS

Jehovah's Witnesses

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—I am referring to the article published in your Friday's first edition entitled "Conchile Sect Calls Religion a Racket."

In the first place I should like to point out that Jehovah's witnesses are not a sect or cult. They are not religiousists. They are honest Christian people and the name given them is the name which Jehovah the Almighty God bestows upon his faithful creatures as is stated in Isaiah 43:10, which reads "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me and understand that I am he."

Having taken their stand for truth and righteousness their duty and obligation then is to sound a message of warning to the peoples of the nations; a message which exposes our enemies and directs honest persons of good will to the only means of protection which is of course God's organisation. Their work is bitterly opposed by our enemies naturally, and we find the religious, commercial and political elements aligning themselves against them and against the proclamation of the message.

Religion is a racket and a fact which every sane thinking person cannot deny. Christianity, on the other hand, being diametrically opposed to religion is the only means by which salvation can be obtained.

Just what the object was in the reporter's account of his visit to the meeting certainly is not made clear, but as one of Jehovah's witnesses, I can confidently say that any and every attempt made to ridicule and belittle the work of these faithful people will not bring about the desired results.

To Jehovah's witnesses the faithful obedience of the Creator's commandments is everything. They realise that "this gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come." No earthly creature can successfully thwart Jehovah's purposes as is recorded for our benefit in I have purposed it; I will also do it." Arranged as near as is evidenced by the physical facts and proved by the scriptures and it will accomplish God's purpose in having wickedness completely destroyed while righteousness and Jehovah's name will be securely vindicated.

It therefore behoves each and every one of us to obtain a clear and unbiased appreciation of God's purposes in order that we may have the opportunity of enjoying the precious gift of life everlasting. The literature published by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society enables all persons to obtain this vital information and no one should permit anything to get in his way from procuring same. The "Watch Tower," 245 Prince Edward Road is the local address.

Trusting this will help clarify the mission and position of Jehovah's witnesses.

W. H. JOHNS.

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE FOOTBALL

MELBOURNE, Oct. 6 (UP).—Preliminary final of the West Australian League and the Grand Final of the Association were played this week-end.

The results were:
WEST AUSTRALIA
Preliminary Final
Claremont 18-17 (131), Fremantle 18-17 (95).

ASSOCIATION FINAL
Port Melbourne 29-22 (160), Prahran 17-11 (115).

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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 27th September) Oct. 17.
Sandakan Oct. 18.
U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date 30th September) Oct. 21.
Australia and Manila Oct. 22.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.O. date, 5th October) Oct. 24.
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U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 5th October) Oct. 25.
London and Straits Oct. 25.
U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 30th September) Oct. 29.

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Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Service" to Durban and thence by Sea Service to United Kingdom K.F.O.
Reg. Oct. 7, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 7, 530 p.m.
G.P.O.

Reg. Oct. 7, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 7, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for India, China, Malaya, Java, and Australia by the "Imperial Airways Service" K.F.O.
Reg. Oct. 7, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 7, 530 p.m.
G.P.O.

Reg. Oct. 7, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 7, 7 p.m.
Formosa Wednesday, Oct. 9
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services" K.F.O.
Reg. Oct. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 9, 530 p.m.
G.P.O.

Reg. Oct. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 9, 7 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. and S. America and United Kingdom via San Francisco G.P.O. and K.F.O.
Reg. Oct. 10, Noon.
Ord. Oct. 10, 530 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 13
U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and United Kingdom via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada) Note: All mails for United Kingdom will be forwarded with or without subscription. G.P.O. & K.F.O.
Parcels, Oct. 13, 500 p.m.
Reg. Oct. 14, 945 a.m.
Ord. Oct. 14, 1030 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 14
Salmon, Madang, Solomons, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand K.F.O.
Par. Oct. 14, 4 p.m.
Reg. Oct. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 14, 530 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 15
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa and United Kingdom G.P.O. & K.F.O.
Parcels, Oct. 15, 500 p.m.
Reg. Oct. 15, 530 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 16, 830 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 16
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa via Cape Town 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 17
Manila, Batavia, and Sourabaya 830 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 19
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Parcels, Oct. 19, 500 p.m.
Reg. Oct. 21, 845 a.m.
Ord. Oct. 21, 930 a.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America, Canada, and United Kingdom via San Francisco G.P.O. and K.F.O.
Reg. Oct. 19, 5 p.m.
Ord. Oct. 21, 830 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 21
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa via Cape Town 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 24
Sandakan, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. and S. America and United Kingdom via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada) K.F.O.
Parcels, Oct. 24, 4 p.m.
Reg. Oct. 24, 530 p.m.
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EXPERT ON WAR

Japanese Hopeful For Britain

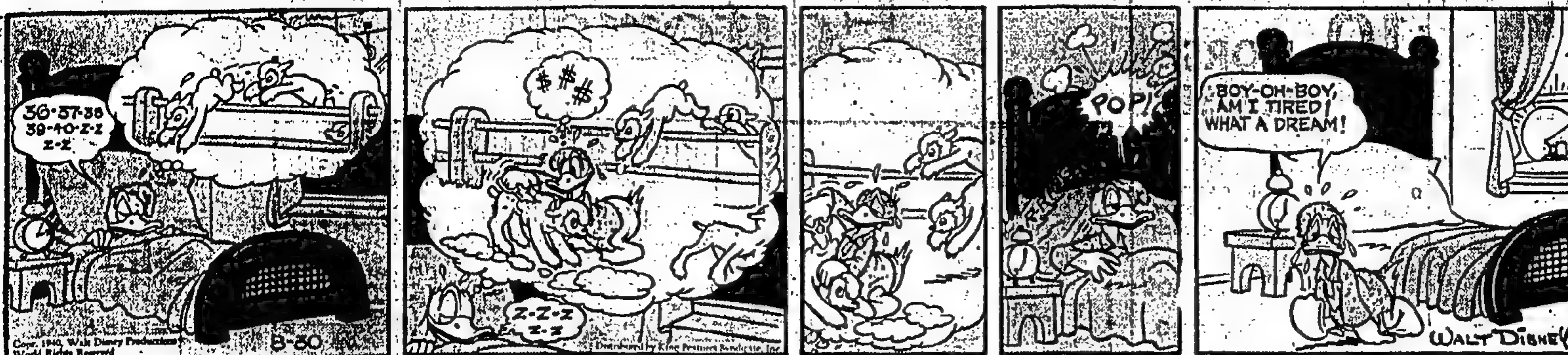
TOKYO, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—Declaring that his forces alone cannot conquer an open city, Hirohito, the emperor, has issued a statement on international politics, expressed the view, in an article in the current issue of "Thoroughfare of Politics" that the war between Germany and Britain will be long.

"Without the use of ships, whether large and heavily armed, or small and unarmed, even a single German soldier cannot be transported from the shore of the continent to England."

"Taking advantage of speed and superiority of numbers, Chancellor Hitler may send men across the Channel like a storm of grasshoppers but the power of the British fleet of small-sized vessels, which have been reinforced greatly by 60 destroyers from America, would stop the march of German U-boats half way across the sea."

"Besides, America may participate in the war on the side of Britain next spring, making the situation more favourable for Britain."

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C.I.G.S.

He's the Architect of all
our War plans

BY F. G. H.
SALUSBURY

War Correspondent.

DURING the present lull—not to be confused with lullaby, as was done by the last Government and the Allied High Command—there is one military officer whose advice to the War Cabinet is of the utmost importance.

He is General Sir John Dill—80 years old, tallish, lean, mustached, flat-topped and ex-infantry officer—Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and his functions are possibly the most mysterious to the civilian public of all those in the hierarchy of the Army.

We remember him as the commander of the 1st Corps with the B.E.F. as a general with a great record in Palestine during the difficult years of '36 and '37 who has the profound respect of the fighting soldier. Now he has retreated behind a screen.

SPINS A WEB

One thing can be said definitely of him in his present official position. He does not command troops in the loosely accepted sense of the phrase: he is not a leader of armies.

Rather, does he sit in the background and spin a web of strategy.

Above all, he must be a thinker, a cunning thinker and the lower the cunning—in this age of international gangsters—the better.

There has not been a Commander-in-Chief of the British Army for some time. That function is exercised collectively by the War Cabinet, as is also the command of the Royal Navy and of the Royal Air Force.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, the Secretary of State for War, and the Secretary of State for Air are the ministers responsible for the efficiency of their respective departments; and they, in turn, are advised by their Chiefs of Staff.

Now the C.I.G.S.—the initials by which the army knows the holder of Sir John Dill's office—would not be in active command if the enemy invaded this country. That, presumably, is the job of Lt-General Sir Alan Brooke, who commands the Home Defences.

But the C.I.G.S. has been very much in at the birth of the strategy which governs the Home Commander's dispositions.

NO SMUGNESS

This plan, however, has been influenced by two other members of the Army Council—the Adjutant-General who is responsible for finding the men, and the Quartermaster-General who supplies their arms, food and equipment.

On the nice cohesion of these three branches of the staff depends the success of a campaign, provided always that the strategy of the campaign has been planned with cunning and imagination.

Which brings us back to the C.I.G.S. and his limitless responsibilities.

He speaks for the Army, and he must be strong enough to speak his mind to "about it very loud and clear," if the Army's needs are being cheated by political parsimony or expediency.

We have, however, surmounted those

particular difficulties—at least for the duration.

On the other hand, he must not be too much of a soldier to be incapable of recognising helpful imagination in a civilian brain.

In making those remarks I am thinking in no way of Sir John Dill, but of instances in our history when such difficulties and clashes have occurred. We have no time for them now.

We have no time for the somnolent amnesia which characterised the Allied High Command during the Winter and Spring

TOO MUCH "CANT"

Hitler had given us the perfect object lesson in his strategy and tactics when he overran Poland.

The best method of meeting such an attack is with your own aircraft, tanks and artillery. But we suffered from a general shortage of material.

The next best method is with a fortified line, supported by quick-firing artillery, behind which you can proceed to remedy your shortages at express speed.

The French had their uncompleted Maginot Line; but the Allied strategists proceeded neither to rush through any serious extension of it, nor wholeheartedly to remedy our shortages of material.

Was there a school of thought which advocated this kind of shield until we were ready to attack? There was. It was discouraged.

You can't build a Maginot Line in Flanders mud," said They. But you can: there is a tried American method which operates by freezing the mud.

Anyhow," said "They," you can't build one on flat ground. And, when a line was then suggested on higher ground in the Vimy region, it was decided as involving the surrender of too much territory to the enemy—an objection which has a sardonic humour in the light of events.

IMPERIAL PLANS

So we return to the present task of us C.I.G.S. who has entered the council room armed against the future with the lessons learned from a record number of political and military fatalities perpetrated by others.

He has to plan and advise not only for the war as it affects the army in Great Britain, but, imperially, for the Empire.

A scheme may arise anywhere—in the Cabinet, in the Services. When it has been hammered out it has the authority of the War Cabinet, but it has been perfected technically by the Chiefs of Staff Committee, consisting of the C.I.G.S. and the Naval and Air Chiefs of Staff.

If it involves a Dominion—if it has originated in a Dominion—there will have been discussions with the Dominion's staffs, and agreement will have been reached on a local commander and the forces available.

So we reach the stage when the plan is put into operation, and the general in command takes the responsibility for its success on his shoulders.

Thereafter the C.I.G.S.—unless the plan is revised—plays the part of an invigilator who has financed an enterprise, and may be called on at any moment to find fresh funds.

We are now in a fighting, aggressive mood, all of us, no matter what our role in the war. We are looking forward to our invasion of Europe, and short of that to expeditions, like Draken, which will singe Hitler's moustache.

Last winter I reported from France the true story of a soldier—an old sweat-soaked general—a general say to an officer in the front line. "And then you will advance according to plan."

"Ah," said the old sweat-soaked general, "so there is a ruddy plan!"

That is where Sir John Dill comes in, and carries on.

THIS POEM
STILL RINGS

It is ninety years since Wordsworth died. Famous as a nature-poet, he was no less a fervent patriot. Such strains as the following might have been composed yesterday.

We are left, or shall be left,

alone:

The fleet that dare to struggle with the foe,

'Tis well from this day forward we shall know

That in ourselves our safety must be sought;

That by our own right hands it must be wrought.

That we must stand unpropelled, or be laid low

O Dastard, whom such forecast doth not cheer!

We shall exult, if they who rule the land

Be men, who hold its many blessings dear,

Wise, upright, valiant; not a scroful band,

Who are to judge of danger which they fear,

And honour which they do not understand.

Who to the murmurs of an earthly string

Of Britain's acts would sing, lie with enraptured voice will tell

Of one whose spirit no recreant could quell:

Of one that mid the falling never fail'd.

There is a bondage worse, far worse, to bear

Than his who breathes, by roof, and floor, and wall,

Print in a Tyrant's solitary Thrall.

'Tis his who walks about in the open air,

One of a Nation who, henceforth, must wear

Their fetters in their souls. For who could be

Who, even the best, in such condition, free

From self-reproach, reproach that he must share

With human nature? Never be it ours

To see the sun how brightly it will shine,

And know that noble feelings, mainly power,

Instead of gathering strength, must droop and pine;

And earth with all her pleasant fruits and flowers

Fade, and participate in man's decline,

What if our numbers barely could defy

The arithmetic of babes, must foreign borders

Slave, vile as ever were befooled by words,

Striking through English breasts the anarchy

Of Terror bear us to the ground, and lie

Our hands behind our backs with felon cords,

Yields everything to discipline of swords?

Is man as good as man, none low, none high?

Nor discipline nor valour can withstand

The shock, nor quell the inevitable rout,

When in some great extremity breaks out

A people, on their own beloved Land

Rise like one man, to combat in the light

Of a just God for liberty and right.

often, with disastrous results—in the hope of jolting both teacher and parent. One of these classics read: "Please excuse Tom for being absent yesterday. He had a touch of scarlet fever." Needless to say, the "touch" did not prevent the truant from enjoying himself with his own plays.

Another classic handed to a teacher read: "Dear Sir, we Mary ate something that didn't agree with her inside. We kept her at home to see if she was poisoned. Yours very obedient, Max, Mother."

A warning letter reached the teacher one day. "Dear Sir, let Jean sit by herself today, because I think she has the measles on her, to oblige, Mrs. Lowrie."

composed the letters themselves.

FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



"Happy birth-day to you-u-u, happy birth-day to you-u-u-u!"

Hilaire Belloc Believes

GERMANY'S TIME
GROWING SHORT

Recent weeks have been marked by a fairly rapid increase in the intensity of enemy air work against Britain and corresponding intensity in our own defensive.

We should do well to examine the probable reasons for this new phase of intensity and its probable duration. Before considering these points, however, let us repeat the advantages the enemy still possesses, lost, in examining his reasons for haste, we should exaggerate in our own favour the conditions of the struggle during its present phase.

The one prime advantage which the enemy holds is that of numbers. It is a point we have insisted upon over and over again, and there is the more necessity for such insistence from the fact that, partly from lack of proportion, partly from the effect of propaganda, the full meaning of these numbers is not clearly present to the public.

The main fact underlying all the rest is the fact that the enemy, quite apart from his Mediterranean alliance, was originally much more than equal numerically to the French and English combined.

Since the French forces were eliminated, the enemy's recruiting field—that is the ultimate manpower on which he can draw—is much more than double our own.

The Mass Attack

But having said so much, and fully considering that handicap against us (a handicap which has adversely affected neutral opinion of our chances), we may justly turn to the other side of the question.

It is evident that the enemy is accelerating his pace. He is pushing his preparatory attack hard. It is much more than the "testing" which he has claimed it to be.

It is rapidly becoming something like a snare attack, so far as the preliminary airwork is concerned, and is an acceleration in quality as well as in quantity, for the enemy envisages a steadily increasing attack upon our vital civilian centres, our urban population as well as our air bases, ports, and munition factories.

Why this acceleration of pace? First, there is the continual increase of our Air Force in machines

and trained pilots. Every day we approach more nearly to parity, and that with the added advantage of, on the whole, better machines and certainly better trained pilots. We are still a long way off equality in numbers, but the approach to it is ceaseless. Unless the enemy has won his campaign before numerical superiority in this vital arm passes to our side, he has lost the war.

Need For Speed

That is one reason for the recent accentuation of his pace in air work. Another is the uncertain margin of good weather remaining to him. When the storms come, air work will be very different, and the difference will not be in his favour.

Now, not only must the enemy act quickly in the time at his disposal, but he must obtain a complete decision within that time.

This is a consideration that must have haunted the enemy General Staff ever since the attack on Poland was launched a year ago.

Increasing success, increasing occupation of territory, even the vastly increased numerical advantage obtained by the collapse of French resistance, are still conditioned, and more and more conditioned, by the necessity for a rapid victorious conclusion.

Enemy's Advantages

To obtain such a decision his old original advantages are still with him; the remarkable excellence of his staff work, the unity of his internal government, the perfection of his intelligence department.

This last advantage we should do well to bear in mind continually. When the enemy was tracking down the King of Norway last year they were informed of his every move, and he narrowly escaped with his life.

They have been informed of our moves, far more than we have been informed of theirs, and, most remarkable of all, nothing of great moment in their plans has ever leaked out.

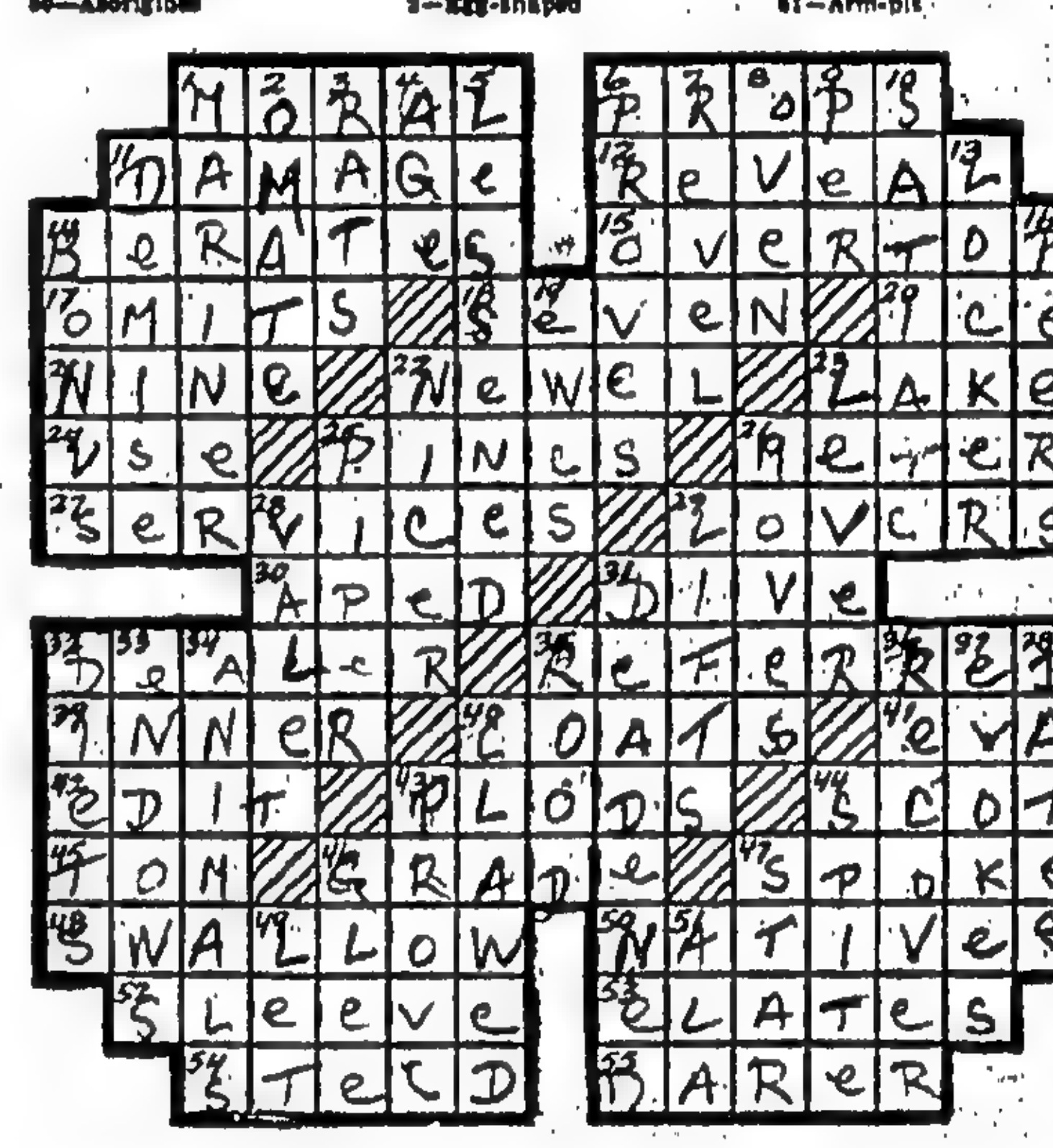
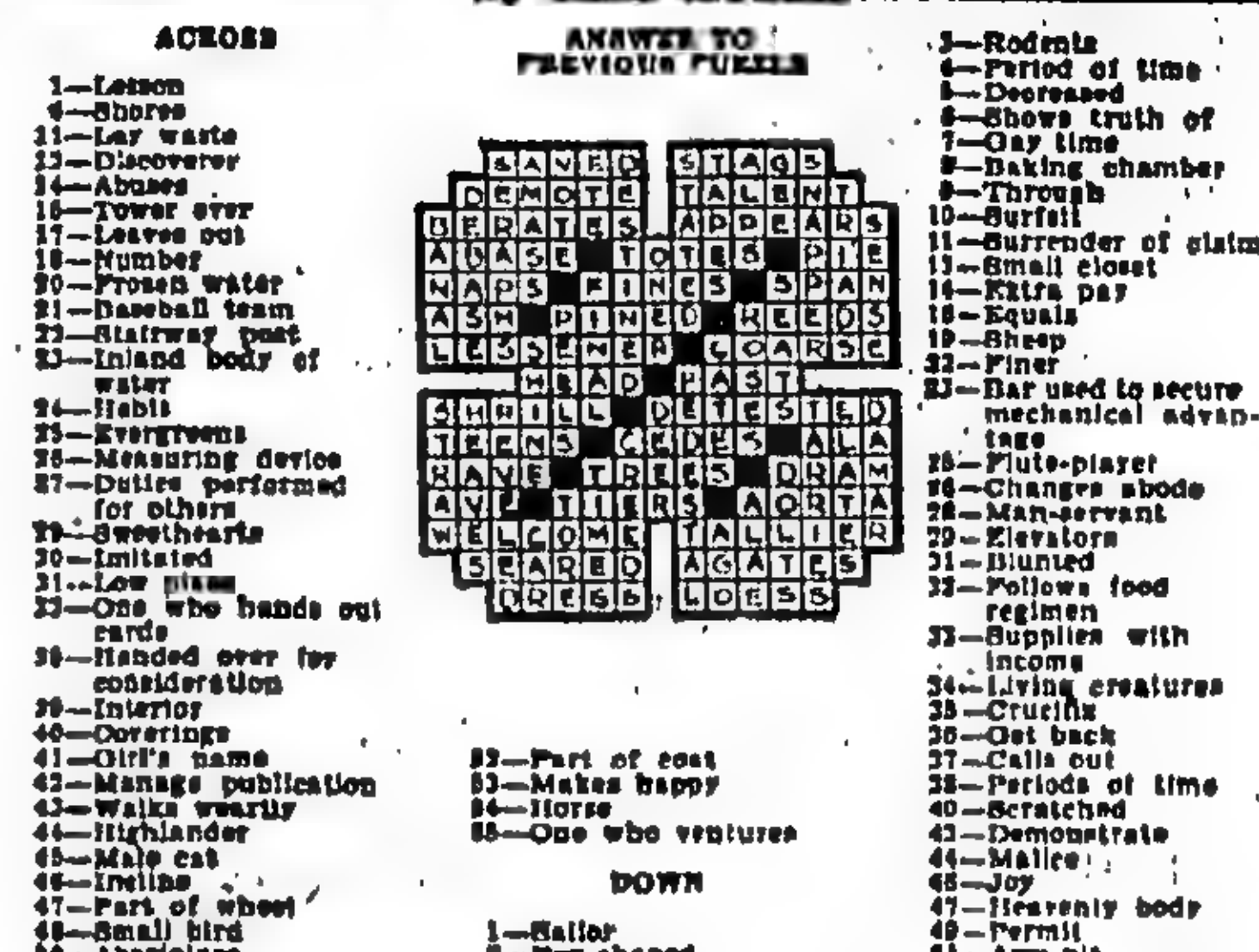
The new tanks which were the main element of victory last May came as a surprise.

So, much earlier, did the deal with Moscow come as a surprise.

So does the enemy's deceptive candour repeatedly come as a surprise.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS



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LETTERS TO TEACHER

MANY teachers keep a collection of strangely worded and painfully-written notes in their desks, sent by parents as "excuses" for their children's absence from school. Some of them are well worth preserving for the unwitting humour they contain.

A new pupil arrived at a country school one day, bearing the following "excuse" epistle: "Dear Sir, this is just to warn ye no to dunk 'em 'Will on the back as he's got a mess 'em."

Another sad letter ran: "Sir, Maggie canna come to the schule, for she's cut her haund on a bottle which I've poulticed. Her Mother."

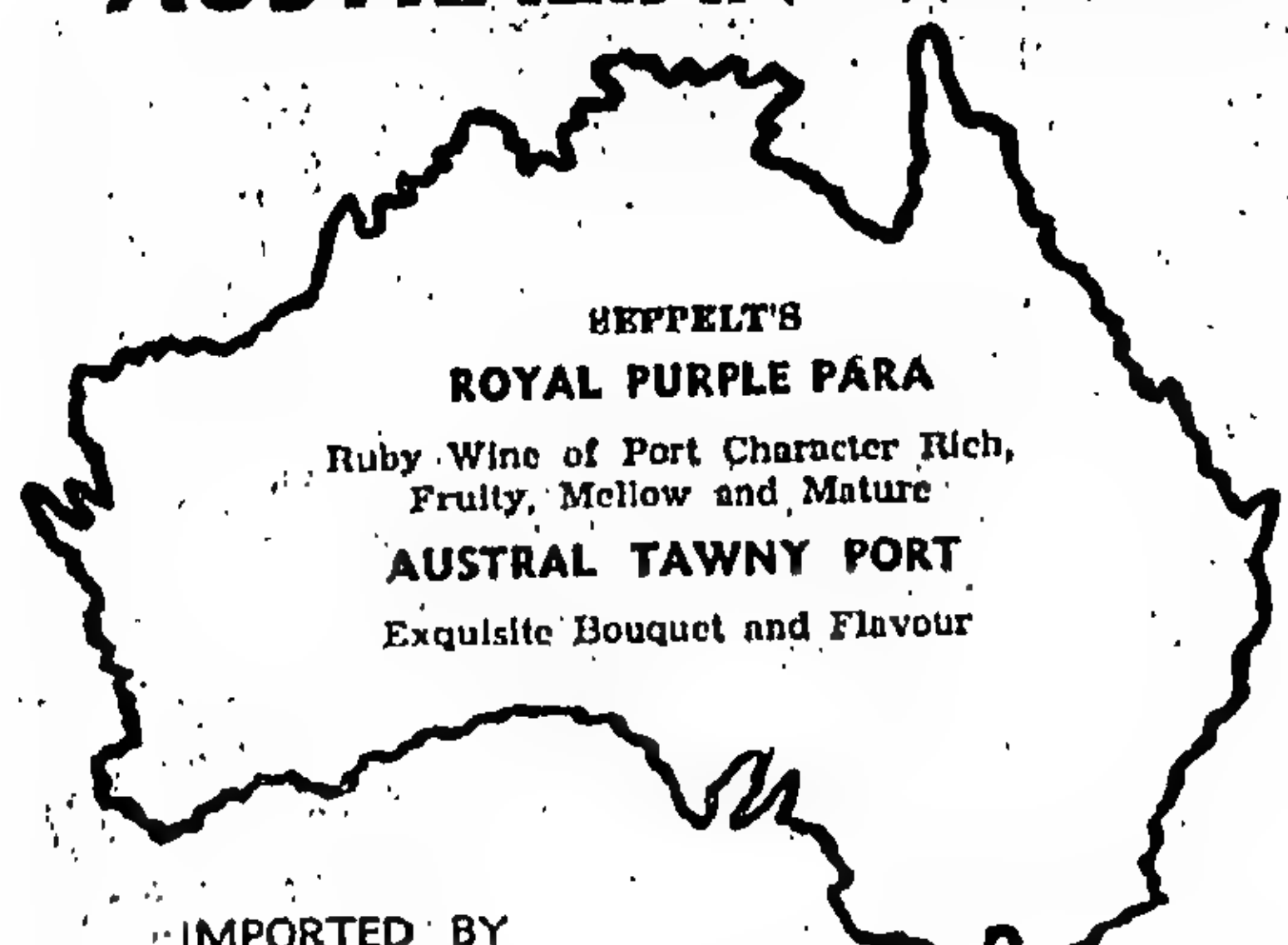
"Dear Sir," wrote another mother, "I canna send our Jean to the schule as I'm sorry to say she's ta'en a dislike to ye."

An inveterate plunker was told by an angry teacher that he must bring an excuse for absence from the head of his family. "She's awa' frae hame, sir," was the reply. "I'll be to get an' frae ma' father."

Sometimes the erring scholars composed the letters themselves.

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THE WAR CHEST

GOVERNMENT, who usually prefer to carry out their work unobtrusively, on occasions also pander to the spectacular. They did so on Saturday when they announced a new gift to the Imperial war chest; a gift of £200,000 a year for the duration of the war. The money is to come from the profits of the Exchange Fund, and doubtless the public are as delighted, as they are amazed, to learn that the fund has proved such a gold mine.

No one will quibble with the decision of the Government and the Exchange Fund Advisory Committee to make such a handsome donation, especially as there is an assurance that the stability of the fund will in no way be lessened. Nevertheless, one wished that Government had felt an inclination to take the public into their confidence. It is, after all, public money which the Government are so generously donating to the war chest, and the donation has been made without even consulting the community. We have a right to feel that we have been cheated out of the satisfaction of being identified with a magnificent gesture, an identification which, as chief subscribers to this exchange fund, we are entitled to enjoy.

The fund has always been shrouded in mystery, and only now can the public begin to appreciate how skillfully and successfully it has been administered. During the comparatively short time it has been in operation, the fund has not only been able to secure a cover of more than 114 per cent, but is in a position to deny itself £200,000 (about \$3,200,000 at the current rate of exchange) and still have its cover unaffected. It is a position which only goes further to demonstrate that Hongkong is the richest and most solvent colony in the British Empire. For this fact we have good reason to feel proud.

Whether the Colony itself reaps all the benefits it should from such a situation is more than doubtful; nevertheless it is unlikely that any one will cavil at Government's decision to utilise its exchange fund profits in the manner proposed. It is imperative to Hongkong that Britain wins this war; therefore every effort we can make, whether great or small to help the Mother Country in this enormous task, must be given its due credit. Which is why the individual should echo the idea that, because Government is making such substantial war gifts, there is no call for him to make his own effort. The old tag "Every little helps" must be taken literally. The voluntary sacrifice still remains the most potent and effective type of gesture. Thousands will make enforced contributions before the year's end through the war taxation, but there remains plenty of room for voluntary effort.

Such efforts are glad to see, are being stimulated by the B.V.O.F. continues to function, happy at all times to receive contributions in kind and money, no matter how insignificant. We hope, therefore, that Government's latest gesture will prove a stimulus to the community to make further and greater efforts to swell the coffers of the various war funds. Not only is more money needed, but more subscribers. If there are donations have come from too small a section of the community, there is room and opportunity for many thousands who to date have made no contribution to do so now.



Mr. Duff Cooper, Minister of Information, is to be asked in the House of Commons why he has engaged a band of investigators to make door-to-door inquiries on the state of householders' morale.

THE ARMY makes itself AT HOME

By Reginald Foster

On the English Coast.

A YOUNG soldier sat astride a chair on the promenade, close to the little pill-box camp which has become his seaside home.

A comrade was busy trimming his hair with a pair of scissors, watched with curiosity by an errand boy, unused to such side-lights on Army domestic life. The errand boy was asked to go away by the soldier-barber and the domestic interlude continued.

The British soldier is settling down to domestic life in his front line. In the last few weeks I have seen a good deal of everyday life in the front line, the life shared by Service men and the remaining civilians.

One morning I walked down the main street, which in normal

times would be alive with holiday-makers doing a little shopping. The shoppers I saw were soldiers, detailed to buy vegetables for their unit. Their shopping basket was a lorry.

I heard someone who had been in Spain liken life here to that in Madrid, when fighting reached the outskirts of the city.

There is a front-line icecream girl. Her kiosk is surrounded with barbed wire and weapons of war have replaced bathing huts. Her stock of spades and buckets and fishing nets is not in much demand. But her icecreams are.

Men who have come off sentry duty find her kiosk very welcome. Dozens of times this girl has hurriedly closed her shutters and the civilian who happens to go in for a drink is regarded as an intruder.

There is the farmyard which has become a military position. Ducks still waddle in the pond, the old farmer goes about his duties. And in the middle of the yard I have seen men, stripped, rough looking, leaving their morning wash and shave.

A one-time country cottage, at cross roads, has been renamed "Hotel Adolf." A comrade's plot is labelled "Picnically Circus"—the label is properly enamelled and stamped, and goodness knows where it came from.

Up on the cliffs a unit at a local headquarters. The back parlour, where the holiday maker used to yarn with the locals, is labelled "platoon headquarters" and the civilian who happens to go in for a drink is regarded as an intruder.

Particularly solid road barricades have become the subject of soldiers' front-line humour. One I passed was chalked "Don't bend," and another, "Hitler's toll gate"—and the sentry with fixed bayonet seemed a pretty efficient tollkeeper.

Food From Fields

Townpeople have been quick to adopt soldiers' humour. One shop has the legend, "Haircut fine since the war." Another proclaims, "We don't intend to run away. Here we are and here we stay."

Sometimes the cliffs of France show up, bright and clear. The Fatherland looks well to-night," people say, and the soldiers laugh that follows would hardly bring a smile to Hitler—not if he knew the British soldiers' laugh.

Mushrooms play a part in the domestic life of the front-line soldier. Many of these little front-line camps are set up in open country. Several times I have seen soldiers returning to their tent or billet with mushrooms. The men have quickly learned which are the best beds.

A few mushrooms can be a great help to the cooking resources of these small units of seven or eight men, scattered on the highways and byways of the front line.

Much of the cooking is done by the men themselves. In other cases rations are brought by road in travelling kitchens, using a haybox system.

All over the country groups of men engaged in this new defence of Britain are settling down to a front-line life as distinctive in its way as trench life in the last war.

Many a lonely outcrop, or country farmhouse now has its regular quota of young men, of the front line, who are welcomed for a meal.

In some places head-houses have become military headquarters and rose gardens conceal air-raid shelters, and other things. I saw one with the legend, "Parachutists served at all hours."

"Take A Tommy To Tea"

London families are making this their motto while

London is so full of Servicemen on leave, and are earning the thanks of the War Office and the welfare organisations.

There is no organised movement, but people in every walk of life are spontaneously inviting troops to spend a few hours at home with them, and the troops all declare it is the best part of their leave.

The secretary of St. Stephen's House, the T. H. Centre opposite the Houses of Parliament, told me "There have been many cases of people getting acquainted with the troops and either inviting them home or giving them a day or evening out."

"When the men return here they are delighted with the hospitality, no matter how humble it was. Many of them find amusements for themselves, seeing the sights of London and going to a show, but that falls after a time when they are alone and nothing seems quite so welcome to the man who can't go to his own home as a few hours in someone else's home."

"The High Spot"

I talked to an infantryman who was one of a party of four made up by a Kent businessman and his wife on Saturday afternoon, taken to tea, to a theatre and on to a supper dance at night.

"It was a wonderful day's outing," Private Harris told me. "It made the high spot of my leave."

"But in a way it was embarrassing all of us. It must have cost a lot of money and we could not pay our share."

People should not imagine that it is necessary to spend a lot on entertaining us. "I have found from talking to many of the other men on leave who have been similarly entertained that they would have been quite as happy taken home to tea, eat home-made cakes, listen to the radio and made to feel they were enjoying civilian home life for a few hours."

Combats Boredom

The War Office, I learn, is still very anxious to combat boredom among men on leave who are out of touch with their friends.

"Take a Tommy home to tea" would be a magnificent slogan for the public to adopt, one important Army officer told me. "It would prevent many men going off the rails for want of something to do."

Men on leave want a little feminine society, but not necessarily of the glamorous girl kind. "The motherly woman who provides some good home-made cakes and a cup of tea makes a chap feel at home for a few hours does something for the welfare of the men that not all the organisations put together can achieve."

It is the Home Forces, in particular, who need this sort of entertainment, because for them there is not the regular programme of activities such as is arranged for the overseas men.

Red Cross Island?

BY DUDLEY BARKER

I HAVE often seen fine ceremonies at St. James's Palace in London, the official Court of England, where Ambassadors walk decorously in one room, and the Lord Chamberlain removes indecorous lines from plays in another.

I have seen scarlet-and-gold heralds crowded on the balcony, welcoming proclamations with the trumpet, while ceremonial troops waited in the courtyard below.

But yesterday I saw there a finer sight still, though less picturesque. Surrounded by piles of cord and cardboard boxes, crates of socks and slabs of chocolate, I saw the people who have contrived to keep one international organisation working between Britain and Germany, while Europe crumbled into chaos.

I saw the department of the British Red Cross that supplies British prisoners of war in Germany with regular parcels of food, cigarettes and clothing.

ROUTES WRECKED

It is a story worth telling, partly because it is a story of good will on both sides. Whatever else the Nazis have done, all the evidence shows that they have scrupulously respected international agreement on this question.

Before the German break-through, there were not many British prisoners in Germany, and each of them was being supplied throughout the winter with two food-and-cigarette parcels a week from the British Red Cross—three every fortnight in the summer allowance.

Those parcels had to go through a neutral country, and they were travelling smoothly across the Channel to Belgium, and thence into Germany. Ninety-seven per cent. of the receipt cards that accompany each parcel came back, properly signed.

Then war broke into Belgium. The route was rapidly switched across France and Switzerland to Germany. That was all right for a few weeks, till France fell. When the dividing line between occupied and unoccupied France, that route became impossible.

It seemed that supplies would have to stop. There was only one route, through Petsamo in Finland, but it was difficult. The supplies were not stopped. The British Red Cross in Geneva both sent the International Red Cross at Geneva, and they sent 60 tons of food, worth £20,000, direct from Switzerland into Germany, to the British prisoners.

TWO-THIRDS COMPLETE

Last week a new route opened through Lisbon, across Spain, and thence to Switzerland.

The problem was how much food to send. There were many more prisoners of war in Germany than before—but how many?

Nobody knows exactly, not even the War Office, not even the Germans themselves, for a fortnight ago, asked Dr. Marcel Junod, of the International Red Cross, to go from Switzerland to occupied France, and the international Red Cross in Geneva (we hand our lists to a similar bureau in London, and to the Swiss Ambassador).

The American Ambassador in Berlin and the Red Cross in Geneva both pass the list on to London, and relatives are informed. The whole process normally takes about three weeks.

This time the chaos in Europe delayed things, and it is only now that the lists are starting to pour through. They are coming night and day—so fast that the Red Cross in Geneva has increased the number of girls in its index department from 500 to 1,400.

All the names are being telegraphed to London as quickly as possible, and Mr. R. A. Butler was able to announce on Tuesday that the names of two-thirds of all the British prisoners of war had reached Geneva.

Acting on that information, and the promptness with which the War Office handled the people in St. James's Palace made up their minds how much to send.

12,000 PARCELS A WEEK

They have large quantities available. Last week they sent 12,000 parcels, and this week they are sending the same.

In the same way, of course, the German Red Cross has been getting supplies of extra food and comforts for German prisoners in this country.

So, in St. James's Palace yesterday I was able to watch the women packers making up the parcels, stacking them into great heaps, labelling them with distinctive addresses.

It is a triumph that the service to British prisoners has been uninterrupted by the last few weeks, but do not imagine that the worries of the Red Cross are over.

They must have a neutral intermediary between the two warring nations. To-day they have Spain, but who can say how long in this Europe, any such route has been getting supplies passing both ways?

So an idea has grown up, which may perhaps be turned into reality. Could not some little island be set aside as a safe clearing house for the most valuable parcels both ways?

Could not both sides guarantee the safe passage of a regular service of supplies to and from that island, from each side passing both ways?

Even in this war it is impossible to see aside one small, unimportant island, as neutral as the sea, and to dedicate it to humanity.

SYSTEMATIC BOMBING TELLS

R.A.F.'s MASTER PLAN TO REDUCE GERMANY

LONDON, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—The results of the Royal Air Force's "master plan" of scientific bombing of Germany since the start of the war are outlined for the first time in detail to-night.

The story of the formidable blows struck at over 200 military targets, is of particular interest with the appointment of the man who was responsible for their delivery to a position where he will direct the biggest R.A.F. offensive yet planned.

Four Months Captives Of Nazi Raider

Rescued By Submarine After Hope Abandoned HAXBY CREW SAFE

LONDON, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—The tricks of a German Atlantic commerce raider to disguise its appearance by using a telescope funnel and frequently changing its flag and name, were told by the crew of a sunken British steamer, Haxby, who landed at a Scottish port on Saturday.

The Haxby was sunk on April 24 and the Captain and 23 men were transferred by the raider to a captured Norwegian vessel.

They were dramatically rescued by the British submarine Truant, which surfaced off Cape Finistere and ordered the ship to stop.

The submarine took the crew to Gibraltar.

A member of the crew of the Haxby said the raider refused to obey the order to heave to and the raider, started shelling the ship.

The first shell killed the gunner and successive hits smashed the deck-house and life-boats. They clung to the wreckage and the Germans put out boats and took them aboard.

"The raider was a dirty-looking ship. For upwards of two months, we were prisoners. Then a Norwegian merchantman was taken and we were transferred to it. For a further two months, the prize ship stealthily made its way towards German territory."

"The food—black bread, potatoes, coffee and a little butter—was terrible on our health. We had almost given up hope of being rescued when the Truant unexpectedly appeared."

The seaman added that although the raider's crew glared over them, not all were Hitler's worshippers. One of the hospital staff stated openly that Hitler was crazy and that many Germans did not want to fight.

He is the new Chief of Air Staff, Sir Charles Portal, the relentless late chief of the Bomber Command.

Maps and facts prepared by the Ministry of Information are supported by a full list of major bombing attacks over Germany, between September 3, 1939, and the night of September 19, 1940, as reported in Air Ministry communiqués.

Minor bombing attacks and leaflet and reconnaissance flights are not included in this list.

Little fresh light, writes Ralph Walling, "Reuter's" air correspondent, is thrown on the R.A.F. "anti-invasion" campaign, mainly directed against objectives in German-occupied territory, but the Ministry of Information points out that the bombing of large concentrations at invasion ports not only removes the threat of a Nazi landing in Britain but inflicts a severe handicap on Germany's use of an important form of her internal transport system— inland waterways—for barges have been brought from the Rhine and other German rivers which normally carry huge loads of her goods.

The Ministry makes this important observation with regard to the success of the "master plan" of the bombing of Germany proper.

"Telling proof of the damage which British bombers have inflicted on Nazi soil is contained in the German Press. Caged as it is, it is now having to make cautious admissions in view of public opinion."

The German public evidently has been stirred into a clamour for news as the result of the 700 R.A.F. raids from the Baltic Sea to Switzerland, and from the North Sea hundreds of miles inland to Berlin and beyond.

The chief objective of the R.A.F. in waging the war of destruction which is crippling Hitler's great industrial and war machine has been oil depots and refineries, armament works, aerodromes, docks and naval bases, goodsyards and railway junctions, barges and shipping.

There has been no variation of the plan. The Ministry points out: "While Nazi flyers are dropping their bombs indiscriminately on British beauty spots, lonely villages and residential areas, our raids are based on carefully conceived and long-prepared plans of attack on targets of economic

as well as immediate military importance."

Although Germany has plenty of aluminium, we still bomb her aluminium plants in order to prevent Hitler using the metal as substitutes for copper which he badly needs.

More of Germany's synthetic oil industry, of extreme importance to her in the war, is being systematically smashed. In the last two months, her oil plants in Western Germany, which normally produce 40 per cent. of her total 2,500,000 tons of oil a year, have been continuously and heavily attacked.

Now the R.A.F. is beginning to turn its attention to Central Germany where more than 50 per cent. of her total oil production is carried on. The mighty Leuna works have been visited more than once.

U.S. TRIBUTE TO KING & QUEEN

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—A vivid contrast between the Dictators' "two monstrosities armoured trains trundling to Brenner" and King George "riding through the streets" of his bomb-ridden capital escorted by two motor-cycle policemen" is drawn by the "New York Herald-Tribune."

The paper says: "The Royal couple are doing much by their example of unwavering courage, smiling self-discipline and genuine heart-felt interest in the plight of their people. They are, as it were, the Ministers of Morale."

NATIONAL DAY Portuguese Celebrate In Hongkong

The anniversary of the Portuguese Republic was not celebrated in the Club Lusitane last Saturday owing to the existence of the European War and the hostilities in China.

It has been custom in the past for the Portuguese community to hold a "Sotree Danseante", but this year the dance did not take place instead there was an informal luncheon held in the Hall "Luz de Camoes".

At the same time an unveiling ceremony of autographed photographs of the President, General Antonio O. Carmona and the Prime Minister Dr. Antonio Oliveira Salazar took place. It was performed by the Acting Consul for Portugal in Hongkong, Mr. F. P. V. Soares.

These were secured through the good offices of the late Dr. Artur Tannagui Barbosa, former Governor of Macao, whose memory is revered by the members of the Club as a benefactor and genuine friend of the national institution.

Japanese Minister's "Challenge" To U.S.

Matsuoka Heatedly Denies Interview

TOKYO, Oct. 6 (UP).—Interviewed by "United Press" today, Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, categorically denied statements attributed to him in an interview with the International News Service.

He characterised the whole affair as "outrageous conduct by certain American newspapermen."

Asked to clear up the alleged statements, particularly the phrase: "I fling a challenge at America," Mr. Matsuoka reiterated emotionally: "There is nothing to be clarified because it is even beyond the imagination of any person, that any person in such a responsible position as Foreign Minister could have said such things. I never made any such remarks."

No More Interviews

"The interview in question was granted for publication, in 'Liberty Magazine' not newspapers, and only after the manuscript had been submitted to me for approval."

"Because of this outright outrageous violation of confidence I have made up my mind not to see in future any newspaperman, connected with the American press."

"I saw 'Liberty's' contributor because he contributed three articles to that magazine in the past and was through that connection the interview was obtained."

Mr. Matsuoka refused any further comment on what he said was "an impossible story."

French Concession Tram Strike Settled

SHANGHAI, Oct. 7 (Reuter).—After nearly a fortnight's inconvenience to the public, trams and buses in the French Concession resumed practically normal service on Saturday, although the bus routes are not yet fully served.

Resumption was preceded by negotiations between the works, the management and the Concession authorities.

COOK BOY GONE

Mr. G. G. Gross, of 4 Cameron Road, has reported to the Police that between 1 and 6 p.m. yesterday his cook-boy absconded and took with him £10 in money and £200 worth of jewellery.

BEAUTY STEPPING STONES



Ilona Massey, beautiful songstress of M.G.M., loves the open country as a change from the intense life that Hollywood demands of actresses. Ilona shows she could reach a high note in legs as she steps over this stream in her rambles.

VALUABLE CARGOES LOST?

Said Stranded

SHANGHAI, Oct. 7 (Reuter).—Local Chinese merchants announce that cargo valued at tens of millions of dollars, stranded in Indo-China as the result of the closing of the railroad to Kuming, would be brought back.

They are reported to have decided to send representatives to Haiphong and Saigon to seek the services of the Chinese Government.

It is also reported that regular shipping services between Hongkong and Haiphong is resuming on October 8.

Hongkong Government cannot confirm the resumption of shipping services.

KING VISITS THE COLONIAL OFFICE

Report Sent To Hongkong's Acting Governor

His Excellency, the Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, has received the following circular from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated October 4:

This afternoon the Colonial Office was paid the honour of a visit by His Majesty the King. The King was wearing uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet. He was met at the door by myself, the Parliamentary Under Secretary and Permanent Under Secretary. Senior officials of the Colonial Office, the senior Crown Agents for the Colonies and professional advisers were presented to His Majesty.

The King inspected historical records in Office including archives of Order of St. Michael and St. George and was interested in model of explorer ship Discovery. He was also shown map of the world in my room before which Nelson and Wellington had their first and only meeting. The King was then conducted on informal tour of Office and inspected several branches of its work. He was particularly interested in telegraph section by which close hour to hour touch is kept with all Colonial Governments. The King visited Colonial Medical Advisory Committee in session. His Majesty was given a full account of war effort of Colonies with which he expressed deepest satisfaction.

An air raid warning was in operation when the King arrived but all clear signal was given during his visit which lasted nearly an hour.

Mersa Matruh Defended

Italian Aircraft Repulsed

CAIRO, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—One enemy aircraft was hit and two others believed damaged by anti-aircraft fire when enemy bombers, escorted by fighters, raided Mersa Matruh on Saturday, states an official communiqué from G.H.Q.

The raiders caused only three casualties and little damage. There is nothing to report from other fronts.

Exhibition Of Oil Paintings

An exhibition of oil paintings by Prof. R. C. Robertson, M.C.M.D., M.R.C.P., D.F.H., Professor of Pathology of the University of Hongkong, will be held at the Fung Ping Shan Library on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12 and 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

His Majesty the King who has kindly consented to open the exhibition on Friday at 10 a.m.

EMBASSY BOMBED IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, Oct. 7 (Central News).—The British Embassy in Chungking was partially damaged in the Japanese air raid over Chungking yesterday. Other foreign property which sustained damage included many foreign residences.

U.K.-Bolivia Arrangements

Payments

LONDON, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—New arrangements for regulating payments between the United Kingdom and Bolivia are given effect by two Treasury orders which come into force to-morrow.

Henceforth payments to persons in Bolivia from persons in the United Kingdom may be made only in sterling in a Bolivian special account with a United Kingdom bank but special arrangements have been made for payments relating to certain kinds of personal expenditure into Bolivian sterling area accounts.

All exports from the United Kingdom to Bolivia must be paid for in sterling from the Bolivian special account.

KOWLOON BURGLARY

Mr. G. A. V. Hale, of Ten Mile Stone, Kowloon, reports that yesterday morning someone broke into his house and stole jewellery worth \$200.

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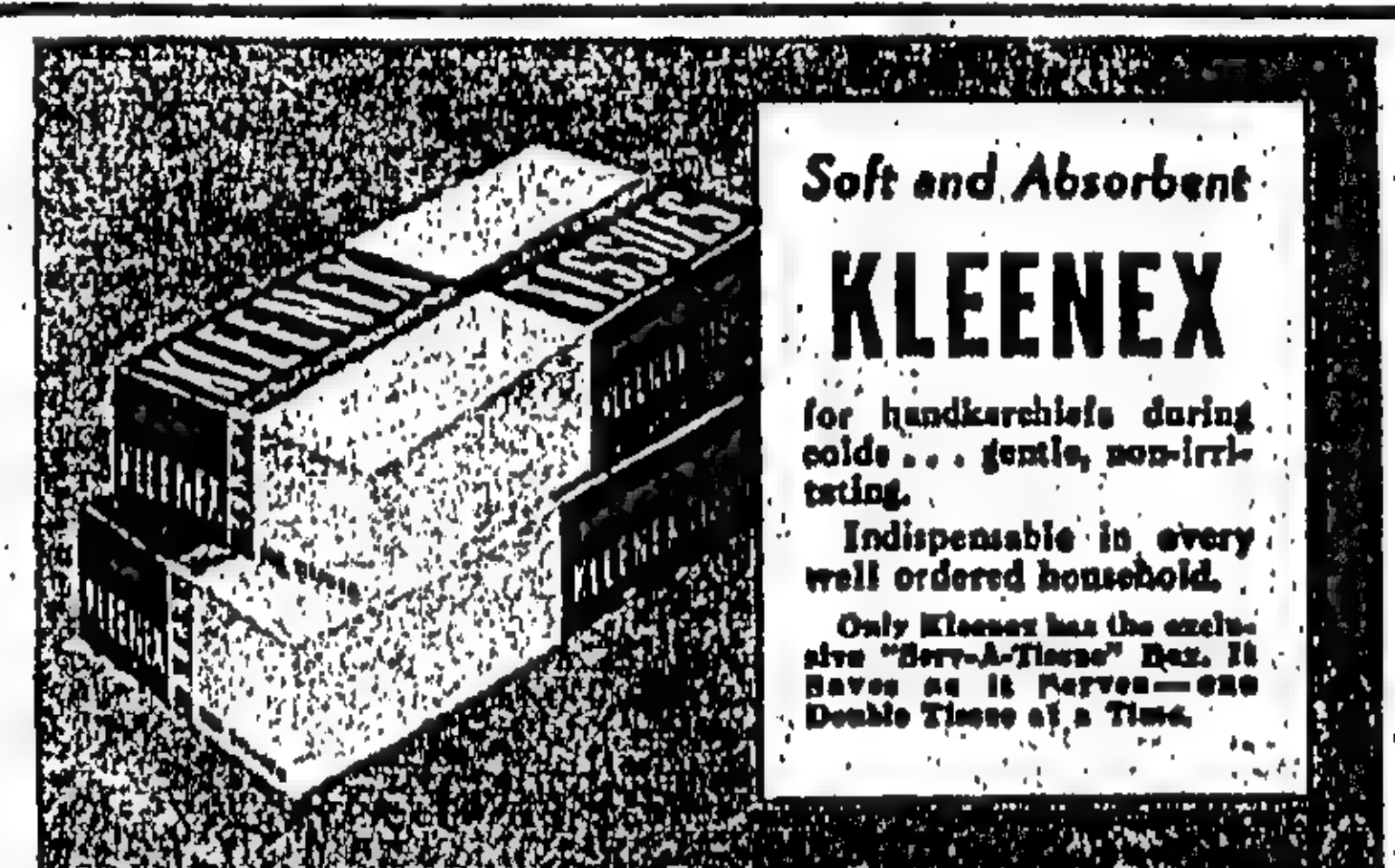
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Boys Tell How They Sang in Lifeboats

300 CHILDREN SAVED WHEN GERMANS TORPEDO BRITISH EVACUEE SHIP

GRACIE FIELDS' REPLY TO M.P.'s CRITICISM

"Everything I have—and the same applies to my husband—is the British Government's whenever they want it," declared Miss Gracie Fields in Toronto, when she was interviewed in connection with what she termed the "uproar" over her affairs.

Referring to a question in the House of Commons, she said that the amount she took out of the country was £8,000, and a minimum of jewellery.

"The uproar is a complete mystery to me," Miss Fields added. "I am working every day for the Government under the direction of Mr. Basil Dean, and am not making a cent for myself in war services."

"All my assets are in England. I don't see why I should be persecuted like this. Let the Government look up their files. They will soon find out I haven't taken everything out of the country. This isn't the first time the matter has been brought up in Parliament."

"I have been working harder in the past few months than I have ever done before, and it has not been for myself."

"I am getting sick and tired of it all. It's all so unpleasant. My home is in England. I intend going back. I can't understand why I should be persecuted."

"I seem to have annoyed a lot of people by marrying an Italian. It was all right in the beginning, but haven't earned a penny for myself since the war started. I'm disgusted with the whole thing. It's not fair. I've turned down several attractive offers to do this work. I don't blame Canada or Canadian people for this unpleasantness. They've been wonderful to me."

Monty Banks "Bitter"
Bitter comment regarding his wife, who is Miss Gracie Fields, and himself, was made by Monty Banks, the film director.

"Just because I'm an Italian," he said, "they are trying to make things disagreeable for Miss Fields. I wish they would stop. She has been giving generously of her time and talents. If they bother us any more, I'm going to telephone her to come home, and live like a normal person."

Mr. Banks added that Miss Fields was now in Canada giving concerts for war relief funds.

"I am not a British citizen and it was my own money," he said. "Anyway, we followed the usual procedure when we came from England, making the regular application for permission to take our money with us."

Mr. Banks said that the statement made in the House of Commons was untrue. As an American citizen, he could take as much money as he wished from England.

Captain Crookshank stated in the House of Commons that in October Mr. Banks applied independently for the transfer of roughly £20,000 to America.

Mr. Banks' nationality was at that time very obscure, but it was decided to treat him as a resident in this country liable to surrender to the State any dollar surplus arising from his business.

His application was allowed on business grounds, to enable him to carry on his business as a film producer, in the expectation that "considerable dollar earnings would be surrendered for our benefit."

These expectations not having been realized, the decision was not justified by events, but he remained liable to account for his dollar balances. A promise was received from Mr. Banks on May 31 to render an account. He left the country without doing so, and without applying for or receiving any allocation of exchange.

THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY BRITISH CHILD EVACUEES, BOUND FOR CANADA, WERE ABOARD A LINER TORPEDOED IN THE ATLANTIC BY A GERMAN SUBMARINE.

They were asleep when the U-boat struck, but everyone was saved, it was announced. Most of them are home with their parents. They landed at a Scottish port. Nearly 500 other passengers and crew were also rescued.

The liner, blacked-out and silent, but for the throb of her engines, was pushing her way through rough seas as the torpedo hit her.

Within three and a half minutes of being roused, the 320 children were standing coolly at their lifeboat stations—exactly as they had practised it six times since the voyage began.

Some were in pyjamas, some half-clothed, others wearing only an overcoat under their life jackets. But they faced the worst peril of their lives with the spirit of the men of Dunkirk.

They sang. As they stepped into the lifeboats they roared "Roll Out the Bar!"

And they carried out orders in darkness.

Yet none of them is over 15 years old. Many are nearer five.

"Salt Of Earth"
Best description of their courage comes from Mr. C. H. Hindley, Gosport headmaster, under whose care they were travelling.

"When he landed, with 74 of the children at a Scottish port, he said: 'The way those children behaved proved that they were the salt of the earth.'"

"There was no crying, not a whimper. There was a bit of shivering in the boats, because the sea was roughish, but those who were not ill sang 'Roll Out the Bar!' as they had never sung it before."

"Some admitted that they sang it so loud that they could not hear the others bang ill."

"The eight-year-old in my boat said: 'We don't want Hitler to think he can beat us that easy.'"

"Our boat was finally brought alongside a ship, and with a banana basket slung from the derricks, we sent the children up three at a time."

"The ship had limited accommodation, and suddenly having to take on many extra men, women, and children, taxed resources."

Water Rationed
"With the food we had brought in the lifeboats we managed to give the youngsters food. Water had to be rationed strictly and washing was barred."

"When the ship was struck it was found that holds were filling. The children were ordered to take to the boats. After about four boats were away, the ship ceased settling and an attempt was made to recall the boats."

"This was unsuccessful. Then a third hold began to fill, and the order to take to the boats was given again. Everyone got away safely except the purser, who was fatally injured when he missed a step entering the boat."

The boats kept together by torch signalling until rescue ships (one a warship) picked them up.

The children were still singing when they were landed.

Boy's Story
This is what 12-year-old Douglas Greer, of Newcastle, told a reporter:

"My lifeboat swung against the side of the ship. I saw the hole made by the torpedo—it was five yards wide. When we were picked up, it was funny to see the big fruit baskets coming down and then being hauled up into the dark. They had to go a long way."

"They only took the little children and some seashell ones in the baskets. We bigger boys and some girls climbed up a rope-ladder. We had to hold on tight because the ship was rocking a lot."

One party was welcomed at the docks by Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Under-Secretary for the Dominions, and chairman of the Children's Overseas Reception Board, who happened to be on a short holiday near the port at which the children landed.

He spent all day with them, and in a message to the Overseas Reception Board, he said:

"There was not even a house of providence. It was an intervention of Providence. God is surely looking after my children."

"The sailors and others who had looked after them at the time of the mishap were enthusiastic about their behaviour, and reported that they bore themselves like guardsmen on parade."

Can Sail Again
Mr. Shakespeare said all the children will be offered the chance

Birth-Rate Is Expected To Rise

6,500 War Babies In Britain Every Week

Marriages, Too

A BIG leap in Britain's birth-rate is expected to be announced shortly. Sociologists are waiting eagerly for the figures showing births, marriages, and deaths in Britain during this year's first six months—six months of war.

Already birth statistics are known for London and 126 towns, and despite the movement of thousands of people from town to country the birth-rate shows no decline.

In Country Areas

In the country areas, where the number of residents has been vastly increased by movement from the towns, a big increase in births is expected, making the general rate for the whole country soar.

The six months which have seen this increase started badly.

For four successive weeks in January the number of deaths in England and Wales outnumbered the births.

Then the increase in the number of babies began. Now more than 6,500 are born in Britain every week.

New Record

The new statistics are also expected to show a high record for marriages, which means that a continued rise in the number of births can almost certainly be expected.

Not long ago doctors, politicians, and sociologists were forecasting a dangerous decline in Britain's population if the falling birth-rate was not checked.

Harley-street specialist said: "The problem is by no means solved. The increase in marriages and births is a wartime state of affairs. It is a hopeful sign, but no more."

"The decline in the number of girl babies is the root of this tremendous problem."

After Victory

"In 1920, the first year of real peace after the last war, this country had its highest number of births ever recorded—807,974."

"The same thing is likely to happen again when peace comes; but it will not be enough."

"Children are our most priceless possessions. Next to victory they should come first. After the war population will be one of the foremost problems to be tackled."

to sail for Canada again. They all say they want to take it.

Hotels in the port at which they landed gave the boys and girls food. Local people gave them clothes and they were sent off to a big centre before going home.

But many of them have already declared that they still want to go away.

The official statement by the Reception Board reports:

"The chief escort was the headmaster of a school, and included among the rest were seven teachers, the master of a well-known college in the south of England, a masseur from a children's hospital, a deaconess, a chaplain, a hostel warden, a school matron, a Salvation Army captain and two Quakers."

"The company of children was drawn almost entirely from State-aided schools in London, Manchester, Birmingham, Yorkshire, Northumberland, Cardiff, New-castle-on-Tyne, Lincoln, Cambridge, Aldershot, Newcastle, Enfield, Isle of Wight, Bristol, Southampton, Chesham, Newport, Scarborough, Dundee, Glasgow, Inverness, Kirkcaldy, Aberdeen, Ayrshire, Dumfrieshire."

Spain Is Feeling The Pinch

Food Goes To Germany

Mr. Thomas Edward Lawrence is a master of languages in Bilbao, Spain.

Or, rather, that is what he was until a few weeks ago, for Mr. Lawrence has just returned to London after an exciting trip through the Bay of Biscay to Liverpool.

He has lived in Spain for 30 years. He says that the people in Bilbao are starving.

Bad Black Bread

Oil is unobtainable, wheat has been commandeered. He spent three weeks trying to find an ounce of sugar, and the black bread is so deleterious that there are epidemics of skin troubles and boils.

These the doctors cannot treat because there is nothing else but this black bread for the population to eat.

Spain's New 'Tourists'

Reason is that everything in Spain is being openly shipped via Italy to Germany.

The Nazis have taken the whole of the Spanish harvest—all their sugar, all their oil and petrol, even their Japanese rice.

Meanwhile thousands of German soldiers in uniform and with rifles, Nazi officers with swords and pistols have streamed into Bilbao from the frontier town of Irun.

They say they are "tourists" coming from occupied France to look at the country.

German submarines arrive every evening at Bilbao and Vigo and slip away the next morning after filling up with oil and food.

What petrol is left can be bought by the population at £1 5s. a gallon.

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Women Set Them All To Salvaging

An idea by Mrs. Mary Rhodes, of Davyhill Estate, Walkerville, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has set everyone on the estate on the hunt for "any old iron."

One day Mrs. Rhodes, deciding to do her bit for victory, started her own private salvage dump. So the trim back garden of her council house in three days took on the guise of a junk yard.

Old bicycles, tin baths, bottles, bedsteads, fenders, and, in fact, every type of salvage littered the lawn.

Boys on the estate helped her. They "scrounge" every bit of old iron they set their eyes on. In three days there were two tons of it, and along came a special corporation lorry to cart it away to the city's main salvage dump.

Rival Dumps

Now rival dumps have sprung up on the estate. The slogan for the people of the dumps is, "The more we get, the better." Already the boys and girls on the estate have started rival scrounging gangs.

Mrs. Rhodes said: "I thought it was a good way of doing my bit to help beat Hitler. Every estate should have its permanent dump, collection of salvage to go on all the time not just in special efforts."

"If I am trying to keep my dump going for the duration."

Convicts Of Britain Are On War Work

Thousands of prisoners in British gaols are doing war work. Workshops have been fitted with modern machinery to eliminate the slow methods which made production a task.

A great deal of the bedding is needed for the rapidly increasing Army is being made inside prison walls.

Bolsters and pillow-slips are turned out in vast numbers.

Prisoners are also doing ironwork and carpentry to meet Service requirements.

They are producing brushes of various kinds at the rate of a million a year.

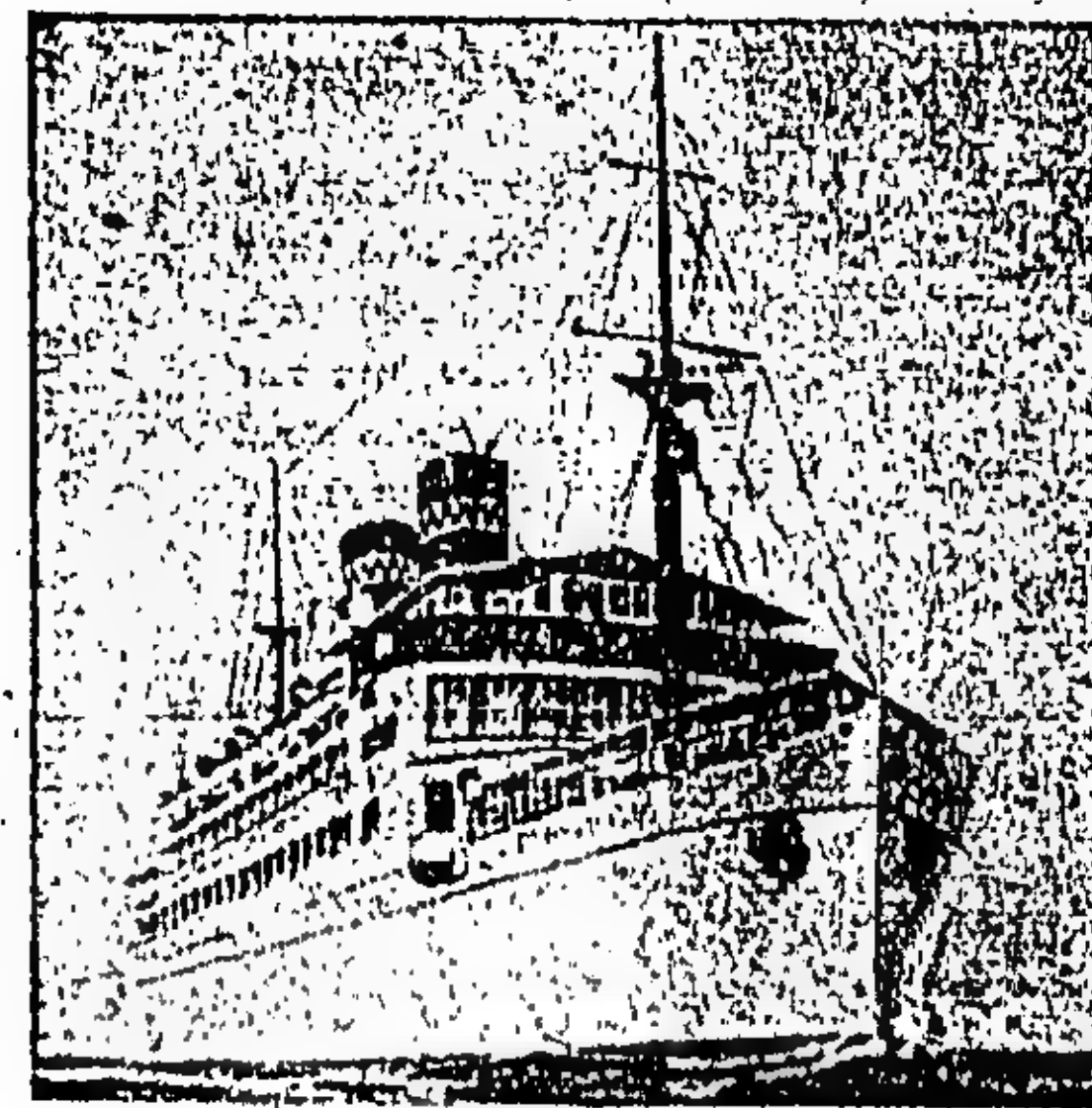
The Navy and Merchant Service get rope fenders from them. Prisoners are also making containers of tin and other substances, and are making paints.

Boys in one of the Borstal institutions are turning out rear-rod clips for the magnetic mine.

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But Ann refused to be scared. She showed such courage and resource that the crew are going to recommend her for a medal.

Fast Cars, New-Type Machine-Guns

Americans In London Arm To Aid Britain

—Mobile Reserve

LIEUT.-GENERAL Sir Bertram Sergison-Brooke, General Officer Commanding the London Area, recently inspected equipment which Mr. A. P. Buquor has had shipped from the United States for the American Mobile Defence units which he has organised among American business men in London.

Nazi Radio Knows How To Take A Hint

Intensity of the R.A.F. raids on Germany seems likely to force all German radio stations to close down nightly at 10 o'clock.

The public has now learned that German radio silence means the bombers of the R.A.F. are busy over enemy territory.

Radio stations make excellent navigation aids for the bombers are quite ready to use German stations if the enemy is kind enough to keep broadcasting.

The true story of the switching-off of the German stations on one night can now be told. It shows how jumpy the enemy must be.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, was speaking in Parliament in one sentence he said: "There the strong arm of the R.A.F. will reach out, and is reaching out this very night, and there we shall break the fetters with which Hitler seeks to bind the peoples of Europe."

The Minister's words were sent out on the news tapes. A few minutes later all German radio stations suddenly closed down.

The war of nerves seems to be receding on the Nazis.

KOWLOON PREPARES

AMBULANCE WORKERS' LARGE SCALE EXERCISE

All Kowloon divisions of the St. John Ambulance Brigade numbering about 400 men and 150 nurses took part in large scale exercises yesterday morning.

First aid posts were manned and "casualties" were reported and cleared to the following stations: the Precious Blood Hospital, Maryknoll Convent School, Kowloon Yunn School and the Out-patients Department, Kowloon Hospital.

These units are immediately under Sir Bertram's control and are to form a special mobile reserve, which can be rushed, if need be, to any point in the defence system immediately round London.

So impressed was the general with the latest type of machine gun which Mr. Buquor has purchased for the units that he proposes to form special machine-gun squads so that these weapons can be used to the best advantage.

These machine-guns, which the general saw taken from the high-powered cars of the unit and assembled on the ground within 20 seconds, are only part of the armament of these American units.

Grenades, Too

The big, fast cars, gifts of members, each have a crew of four, and in addition to the machine-guns are armed with automatic rifles, revolvers, and grenades.

In each car there is a receiving wireless set, and staff cars are equipped with transmitters working on a special wave-length allotted by the War Office and Air Ministry.

This American force is being helped in its training by N.C.O.s of the Scots Guards.

"Hello Girl" Who Got 38s For Planes

She will frame the thanks

Miss F. R. Rawle, day supervisor at Winchester telephone exchange, was the telephone operator who collected thirty-eight shillings from the staff for Spitfire screws, which Lord Beaverbrook acknowledged in his broadcast.

Every one of the thirty-two in the exchange gave something. Lord Beaverbrook acknowledged the gift by letter personally.

"Miss Rawle is so proud of it that I think she is going to have it framed," said a friend.

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The six children were saved. They were among 21 survivors landed in Northern Ireland.

Sailor's Praise

"Ann was a little heroine," said one of the crew. "She gave a coat to her little brother and put another coat around some orphan children." Meryl and her brother Nigel, aged 11, are the children of Mr. Andrew Reid, an ophthalmic surgeon of Rodney Street, Liverpool. The other children saved are Athale and Francis Hawthorne, of Elmwood, Kent who were with their mother; Brian Blakely (10), of Shirley, Surrey; and Cecil Farrow (15), a public schoolboy, of Ealing, W.

Lifeboats Missing

Two lifeboats containing 31 members of the crew are missing. Seven men were killed when the first torpedo exploded.

The lifeboat with the survivors drifted away from the two others, and was picked up by a Yugo-Slavian steamer after several hours.

Children On Deck

Children were playing on deck when a Nazi plane bombed and machine-gunned a G.W.R. steamer near the Irish Coast.

They were rushed to safety by an airman going home on leave. Two Irishmen were killed in the ship, which was taking passengers from a South Wales port.

An Irish nurse who attended the injured men tore off her under-clothing to use as bandages.

"TINCAN" CANADIAN MOTOR

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 28.—Lloyd M. Taylor, designer of an airplane motor which he says can be made as fast as tin cans are made, said to-day that he had given exclusive manufacturing rights to a Canadian company.

The Taylor motor, its inventor says, departs from normal in that its block is made of steel instead of cast iron. The motor is built of sheets stamped from steel, held together with a special flux, and baked in an electric oven. It weighs 1,000 pounds, is liquid cooled and can develop 1,250 horsepower, he said.

Taylor, a young mechanic in an Oakland truck factory, said he and another mechanic, George A. Selig, who is employed in an airplane factory at Burbank, had worked on the idea four years.

New Metal Process

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Aug. 28.—Charles C. Berg, 31-year-old engineer and metallurgist, claimed to-day to have found a new formula to produce beryllium alloys in the past controlled by German patents.

Beryllium copper is of great importance to the aviation industry. Berg said he had produced his metal at a very low cost and had used it in actual practice for bearings, bushings and diamond drills.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued on Saturday says:

To-day's short session was limited to small sales in Lands & Trams with prices matched at lower rates. It is reported that two more dividends are declared in Manila Gold Issues 124.02 centavos and Paracale Gumauas .005 centavos:

Buyers.	
Lands \$30.25	
Entertainments \$6.60	
Sellers.	
Trams \$15.80	
Star Ferries \$59.50	
Electric (old) \$37.50	
Cements \$15.80	
Watsons \$8.75	
Vibro Piling \$3	
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Daring Attack By Japanese

Land On Aerodrome And Burn Planes

Japanese Base, Oct. 6.
For the second time since the war, Japanese airmen landed on a Chinese aerodrome to set fire to grounded Chinese planes on Friday.

Raiding the Tapingssai aerodrome near Chengtu, capital of Szechuan, four Japanese naval fighters, out of a large fighter formation with four non-commissioned naval fliers under the command of Lieutenant Tsumoto Yokoyama, (Senior Grade), landed on the aerodrome after shooting down five Soviet-built I-15 fighters and one Soviet-built SB bomber.

The landing was with a view to setting fire to six grounded Chinese planes which were damaged by machine-gunning which previously set fire to 19 other grounded machines.

With a box of matches in one hand and a pistol in the other, four non-commissioned officers jumped from the cockpits and sped across the

B.W.O.F. Workers

Women are reminded that the Sewing Centre at Government House meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. Helpers are urgently required to meet the demand for hospital supplies.

For the information of B.W.O.F. knitters, the Knitting Centre at the Helena May Institute will be closed on Thursday next, the "Double 10th."

Chinese anti-parachutist troops opened fire with light machine-guns and rifles, but their aim was erratic as they were too much surprised by the boldness of the Japanese. Successfully setting fire to six aircraft, the Japanese aviators broke into the airfield headquarters, which they also set on fire. They then turned their attention to gasoline tanks.

The fliers then returned to their machines "unscathed" and took off, and the burning Chinese machines and buildings to return to their base safely.

The day's bag consisted of 31 Chinese aeroplanes. The Japanese raiders appeared over Chengtu at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon. It will be recalled that on July 18 at Nanchang Chinese grounded machines and hangars at the Nanchang aerodrome were set afire after land-

ing by Japanese naval fliers under the command of Lieutenant Shokichi Koyama, Junior Grade. During the

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What Empire May Face This Winter

AXIS PLANS FOR FRESH CAMPAIGN

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, OCT. 6. (UP).—PLANS FOR THE AXIS WINTER CAMPAIGN, WHICH INCLUDE A GENERAL SPEEDING-UP OF THE GERMAN ATTACK AGAINST THE BRITISH ISLES AND AN ITALIAN PUSH AGAINST BRITISH EGYPT, WERE DRAFTED DURING THE MEETING BETWEEN HITLER AND MUSSOLINI IN THE BRENNER PASS, ACCORDING TO AUTHORITATIVE REPORTS.

Well-informed sources in Rome expect that General Graziani's offensive in Egypt will be resumed shortly and also that a Nazi invasion of England may be attempted.

TURKEY MAY BE KEY POINT

Axis Expected To Turn East

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6 (UP).—With Hitler's plans to crush Britain by airpower apparently at a stalemate, military observers here now forecast that the Axis will concentrate on the East during the winter, and possibly also attack Gibraltar and Suez, thereby enabling the totalitarian war machines to continue action and simultaneously seek vitally needed oil and food supplies.

Informed quarters here regard Turkey as the key to the entire Near Eastern situation because it stands directly in the path of the new German move towards the Near East and Asia.

RUMANIA INVOLVED

Resistance Expected

The Turks are friendly with Britain and could be expected to resist.

Some circles here say the Soviet's fear of an Axis thrust against their friend Turkey led them to show friendship for Britain for the first time. Also it is said that the Turkish army, well trained and with good equipment, would be a serious obstacle to any invader.

The Axis has the alternate route which runs through African Egypt and Transjordan, but the natural obstacles here are formidable.

Military quarters here point out that the Italians are making small progress in their drive across the desert to Suez and that it is extremely difficult for Germany to provide any substantial reinforcements for Italy in this region.

They also point out that any Axis expansion in the Near East will further encircle the Soviets, who already have potentially hostile Powers on their eastern and western borders. Hence Russia's reactions are being closely watched here.

CHANCE TO EVACUATE

U.S. Firm In Hongkong Receives Advice

Wives and families of employees of the American Standard-Vacuum Oil company have been advised to evacuate all Far Eastern areas except the Philippines.

This was admitted to-day by an officer of the firm's Hongkong branch.

"There is nothing compulsory about it but the head office has sent out a general suggestion to all eastern branches that it would be wiser to send the women away," the officer said.

Will Arrange Transport.

"The firm has agreed to arrange transport for all those who decide to follow the suggestion."

"This new suggestion follows one made by the head office three months ago which asked employees whose wives were not in the East not to bring them out in view of the disturbed situation."

"Very few women have followed the suggestion as far as I know. It is considered purely a precautionary measure."

"I believe that Standard Vacuum is the only American firm in the East which has so far made any move to evacuate the families of its employees."

MAIL PLANE DUE

An Imperial Airways plane from Bangkok will arrive in Hongkong at about 5 p.m. to-day.

France Not To Fight With Axis Against Us

By RALPH HEINZEN

United Press Staff Correspondent.

VICHY, Oct. 6 (UP).—Officials here insist that there is no intention of warring with the Axis Powers against Britain. It is generally believed here that Spain, also, will remain on the sidelines.

It is formally denied that France had been "invited" to conclude a formal peace and join the Axis Powers against Britain. The report is "completely fabricated," they said.

Not For Present

It is the belief here that Spain will not enter the war at least for the present. This attitude is the result of the press in their speculation of the results of last Friday's meeting of Brenner Pass with regard to the United States and the Western Hemisphere.

The press concludes that acceleration of the Pan American defense is "inevitable" and predicts the extension of Anglo-American co-operation to a blockade across the Pacific from Alaska to Australia to hold off the Japanese fleet from any possible attack.

The Government is awaiting President Roosevelt's speech on October 12 with great interest and it is expected that he may announce the conclusion of an Anglo-American accord permitting a cordon the length of the Pacific.

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THE WOMEN GO TO WORK

The women of Britain, in their thousands, have now taken up various forms of war work, in many instances replacing men who are needed for the army or essential services. As in the last war, women bus conductors are now a common sight. The first batches have now completed their training and are starting work on the country routes of the London Transport. Here we see a smiling bus conductor at a London transport depot. Cool white coats are part of the summer uniform.



HAKONE MARU RELEASED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Oct. 7 (Domei).—The N.Y.K. liner Hakone Maru, well known in Hongkong, has been released by the British authorities at Bermuda after receiving a close inspection.

The ship left Lisbon on September 21 for Japan via Baltimore and Panama. However, on September 30 it was ordered by the Bermuda authorities to remain in port where an inspection of goods, consigned for Liverpool was made. The Hakone Maru was unable to reach Liverpool owing to the blockade.

R.A.F. Winning Air Supremacy

NAZIS LOSE 104 PLANES IN WEEK

LONDON, OCT. 6 (REUTER).—DURING THE WEEK ENDING MID-NIGHT OCTOBER 5, IT IS CONFIRMED THAT GERMAN PLANES LOST IN BATTLES OVER BRITAIN AMOUNTED TO 104, NOT INCLUDING MACHINES DAMAGED OR PROBABLY LOST.

ON THE BASIS OF CONFIRMED PLANE LOSSES ALONE, GERMAN PILOT LOSSES ARE ESTIMATED TO EXCEED 250.

In the same period, the R.A.F. lost 40 machines in or around Britain, but from these 21, or more than half of the pilots, were saved.

Sunday's Raids

LONDON, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—Tip and run German raiders began their activity early to-day. Taking advantage of low clouds, several German planes crossed the coast and flew towards London. They were met by intense A.A. fire and were turned back before they could reach the centre of the city.

In the north-west district of the capital, a lone German bomber swooped out of the clouds and dropped a number of bombs. A TURN to Page 2, Column Six

Conference In Delhi

H. K. Representation

LONDON, Oct. 6. (British Wireless).—Preparations are proceeding in Delhi for the meeting there of the Eastern Group Conference which opens shortly and will be attended by representatives from Australia, New Zealand and East African colonies. (Hongkong is also sending a delegation to the Conference).

Their chief task will be to take measures for the co-ordination of the war effort in their countries with special reference to the position in the Near East.

Meanwhile the Roger Mission has now arrived in India and has commenced a tour, during which it will study the development of the munitions industry in India.

NAZI FACTORIES PUNISHED

Tons Of Bombs On Krupps

LONDON, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—Two tons of high explosive bombs were dropped on the Krupps armament factory at Essen in a lightning R.A.F. attack made from a high level, says the Air Ministry news service.

In addition to the objectives mentioned in the official communiqué, targets included the docks at Amsterdam and Flushing, aerodromes at Schiphol, Texel, Aldebroek and Bussum.

CHANNEL PORTS BOMBED

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 6 (UP).—Coastal command aircraft concentrated their operations last night on the Channel ports of Brest and Gravelines.

The raiders arrived at Brest just as night was falling. Despite the haze they were able to see the outlines of the dock.

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Motorised Nazi Troops Cross Rumanian Border

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUCHAREST, Oct. 7. (UP).—Several trainloads of German troops together with motorised and aviation contingents, totalling little less than a division have arrived in Rumania during the past twenty-four hours and are at present based in the fields between Focsani and Port. Gurguzon on the Danube, according to reliable reports reaching Bucharest.

It is understood that the rest of the division, which had been made with the Rumanian General Staff and the Rumanian General Staff, have been sent to the Rumanian border. German troops have been established in the Rumanian border.

No Midnight Raid On London Yesterday

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Oct. 7 (UP).—For the first time since September 7 no air raid was in progress over the London area at midnight and there has been no activity since the all clear earlier this evening, although occasionally gun flashes were seen far away to the East.

It is believed the weather, including a wind of almost gale force, is holding off the raiders in other parts of Britain as well as London since, so far, there have been no reports of planes in other localities to-night.

Apart from the weather, however, the night raid on London have diminished in intensity during the past week. Evidence of this is shown by the small number of incendiary bombs which have dropped by the enemy.

SWEDES OPEN FIRE

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—The defence authorities announced that German multi-engine aircraft passed low over the Big of Falsterbo in southern Sweden on Saturday afternoon.

Warning shots were fired and the aircraft disappeared.

PREMIER AND THE BURMA RD.

Expected To Announce Reopening This Week

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 6 (Domei).—It is reliably learned that the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, will announce this week in the House of Commons the reopening of the Burma road on October 18, when the Anglo-Japanese accord, temporarily closing the route for a period of three months, expires.

It is understood that the Prime Minister, when he received the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, on October 8, informed him of the decision.

Seeking Measures

Meanwhile, informed quarters point out that as the result of a series of conferences on the international situation arising from the conclusion of the tripartite alliance, the British Government is likely to maintain its past policy for adjusting Anglo-Japanese relations, while negotiations will be continued with Russia, the United States and China for finding counter-measures against the changed international conditions.

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H.K. Banks \$	1,300 n.
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Chartered \$	1,07 n.
Mercantile, A. & D. \$	1,07 n.
Mercantile, C. & L. \$	1,07 n.
East Asia \$	1,07 n.

INSURANCES

Canton \$	200 n.
Union \$	405 n.
China Underwriters \$	1 n.
H.K. Fire \$	150 n.

SHIPPING

Douglases \$	120 n.
Steamboats \$	11 n.
Indo-China P. \$	100 n.
Indo-China D. \$	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) \$	35 n.
Waterbills \$	60 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$	01 a.
Docks (old) \$	16 1/2 a.
Docks (new) \$	16 1/2 a.
Providents \$	430 n.
Shal Dockyards \$	34 1/2 n.

MINING

Kailan s/-	14 n.
Rauas \$	0 1/4 n.
H.K. Mines \$	1 1/2 n.

LANDS

Hotels \$	3 1/4 a.
Lands \$	30 1/4 a.
Lands 4% Debentures \$	110 n.
Shal Lands \$	110 n.
Hampshire \$	110 n.
H.K. Realities \$	3 60 n.
Chinese Estates \$	10 1/4 n.

UTILITIES

Trams \$	15 70 a.
Peak Trams (old) \$	7 40 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$	3 70 n.
Star Ferries \$	50 1/2 a.
Y. Ferries \$	23 a.
China Lights (old) \$	0 90 n.
China Lights (new) \$	0 90 n.
H.K. Electric (old) \$	87 1/2 a.
H.K. Electric (new) \$	87 1/2 a.
Macao Electric (old) \$	17 n.
Macao Electric (new) \$	10 n.
Sandakan Lights \$	11 n.
Telephones (old) \$	23 a.
Telephones (new) \$	10 a.

INDUSTRIALS

Cold: Macg. (Ord.) \$	14 90 n.
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Canton Ice \$	1 n.
Cement \$	15 1/2 a.
H.K. Ropes \$	580 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms \$	18 n.
Watsons \$	8 1/2 a.
Lane Crawfords \$	7 45 n.
Sinceres \$	2 15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$	39 n.
Powell Ltd. \$	1 n.

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Ewo Sh. \$	143 n.
Shal Cotton Sh. \$	181 n.

MISC.

H.K. Govt. 4% \$	99 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934) \$	95 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940) \$	95 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G.S.Bds. 35% \$	0 60 n.
H.K. Entertainments \$	0 60 n.
Constructions (old) \$	1 n.
Constructions (new) \$	1 n.
Vibro Piling \$	8 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) \$	2 1/2 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) \$	2 1/2 n.

Argus To Be Towed To Indo-China

The 500-ton French destroyer *Argus* arrived in Hongkong on Saturday to tow the French gunboat *Argis* to Indo-China. The *Argus* has been stationed in Indo-China for some time but it is believed this is the first time she has visited Hongkong. The *Argus* is well known here as she has been for years on the Canton River flotilla. Since the outbreak of war she has been at buoy in the harbour.

B.W.O.F. Workers

Women are reminded that the Sewing Centre at Government House meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. Helpers are urgently required to meet the demand for hospital supplies.

For the information of B.W.O.F. workers, the Knitting Centre at the Helms, May, Institute will be closed on Thursday next, the "Double 10th".

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAY

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Thursday, the 10th October, 1940. (The Tenth day of October).
Hongkong, 5th October, 1940.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the offices of the Colonial Treasury (Accountant - General's Department) will be removed to Third Floor, Windsor House, Des Voeux Road, Central, on Monday, 14th October, 1940. The present offices at the General Post Office Building will close at the close of business on Wednesday, October 9th and the Treasury will not open for public business on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 10th, 11th and 12th. Any amounts falling due on these dates will be received on or before October 14th without surcharge or other penalty.

ERIC W. PUDNEY,
Accountant-General.
5th October, 1940.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED FROM MONDAY, 4th NOVEMBER, to FRIDAY, 15th NOVEMBER, 1940, Both Days Inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 4th October, 1940.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that no person is authorised to solicit or collect donations for the War Fund organised by this Company.

All donations, with the exception of those sent through The Hongkong War Effort Committee, or other properly constituted bodies, should be forwarded, and cheques made out to "War Fund—South China Morning Post, Ltd."

B. WYLIE,
General Manager.

POSTMAN AND TOMBSTONE

Cheung Foo, 26, postman, was bound over in the sum of \$20 for one year when he appeared before Mr. E. Hilmsworth at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, charged with obtaining \$30 from Li Kong-ze, 28, widow, on August 8.

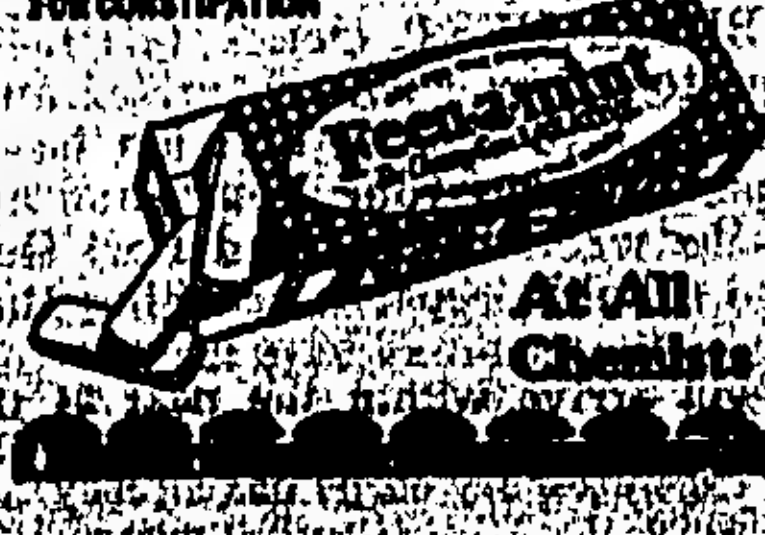
Sub-Inspector Whelan said Cheung promised to erect a tombstone on the grave of complainant's husband who was a former postman, but did not do so. Cheung's father had agreed to refund the \$30 to complainant.

Mr. D. C. W. Fitches, Post Office Superintendent, said Cheung had been in the Post Office just a year. His character was not very good, and he would be dismissed.

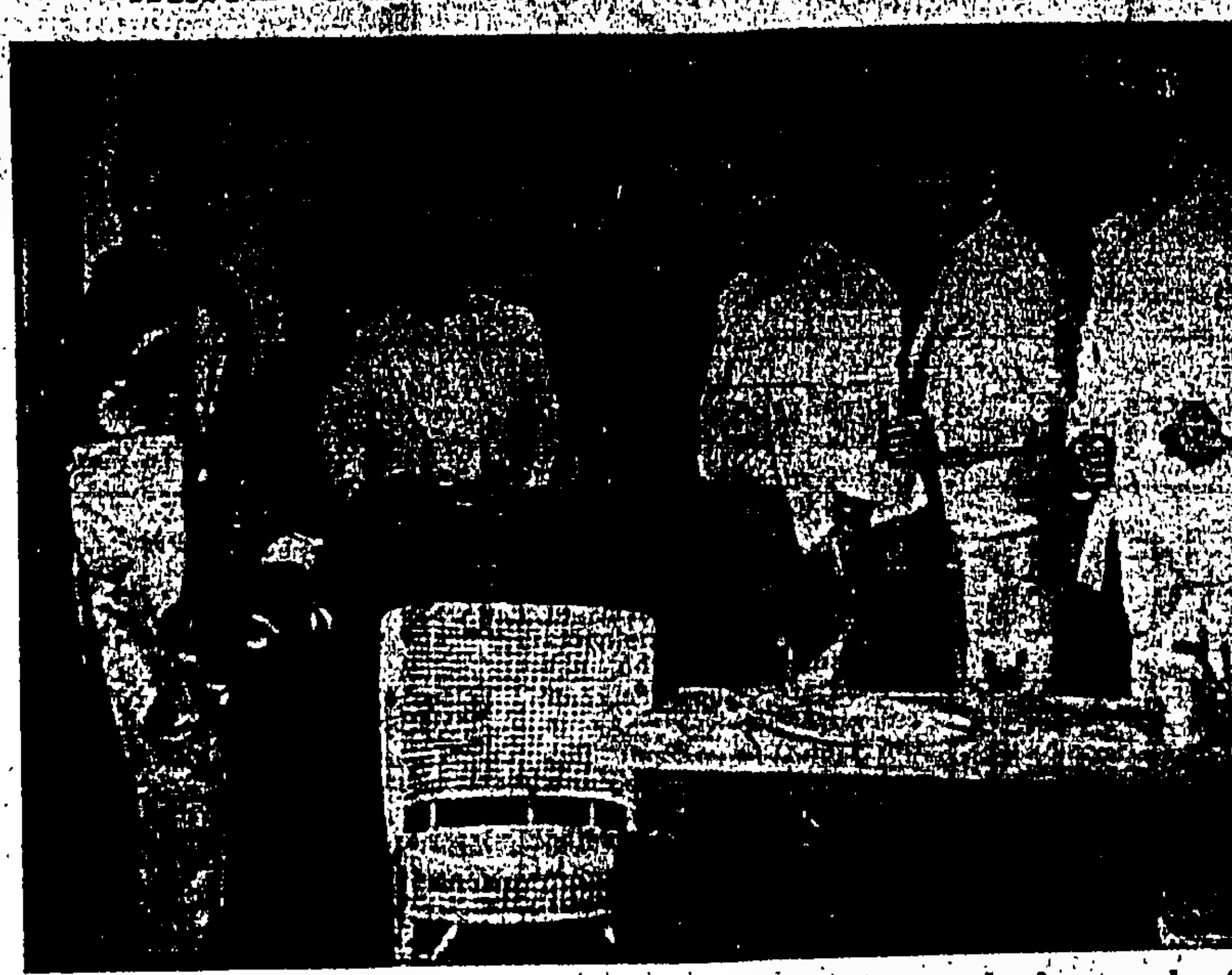
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1.45 Latest Variety.
2.15 Close down.
6.0 p.m. "The Bronze Horse" (Overture) (Auber), London Philharmonic Orch. conducted by Constant Lambert.
6.10 Suite for Orchestra—"Impressions d'Italie" (Chapientier), Symphony Orchestra conducted by the Composer.
6.23 Closing local Stock quotations.

6.35 Symphony No. 29 In A Major (Mozart), London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

7.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
7.30 Compositions of Sir Edward Elgar.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
8.02 This Week's Programmes.
8.06 A Variety Programme.
9.00 London Relay—News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Topical Talk.
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LETTERS

Jehovah's Witnesses
To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—I am referring to the article published in your Friday's first edition entitled "Conchise Sect Calls Religion a Racket."

In the first place I should like to point out that Jehovah's witnesses are not a sect or cult. They are not religiousists. They are honest Christians people and the name given them is the name which Jehovah the Almighty God bestows upon his faithful creatures as is stated in Isaiah 43:10, which reads "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servants whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me and understand that I am he."

Having taken their stand for truth and righteousness their duty and obligation then is to sound a message of warning to the peoples of the nations; a message which exposes our enemies and directs honest persons of good will to the only means of protection which is of course in God's organisation. Their work is bitterly opposed by our enemies naturally and we find the religious, commercial and political elements aligning themselves against them and against the proclamation of the message.

Religion is a racket and a fact which every sane thinking person cannot deny. Christianity on the other hand, being diametrically opposed to religion is the only means by which salvation can be obtained. Just what the object was in the reporter's account of his visit to the meeting certainly is not made clear but as one of Jehovah's witnesses, I can confidently say that any and every attempt made to ridicule and belittle the work of these faithful people will not bring about the desired results.

To Jehovah's witnesses the faithful obedience of the Creator's commandments means everything. They realise that "this gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come." No earthly creature can successfully thwart Jehovah's purposes as is recorded for our benefit "I have purposed if I will also do it." Armageddon is near, as is evidenced by the physical facts and proved by the scriptures and it will accomplish God's purpose in having wickedness completely destroyed while righteousness and Jehovah's name will be securely vindicated.

It therefore behoves each and every one of us to obtain a clear and unbiased appreciation of God's purposes in order that we may have the opportunity of enjoying the precious gift of life everlasting. The literature published by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society enables all persons to obtain this vital information and no one should permit anything to get in his way from procuring same. The "Watch Tower" 245 Prince Edward Road is the local address.

Trusting this will help clarify the mission and position of Jehovah's witnesses.

W. H. JONN.

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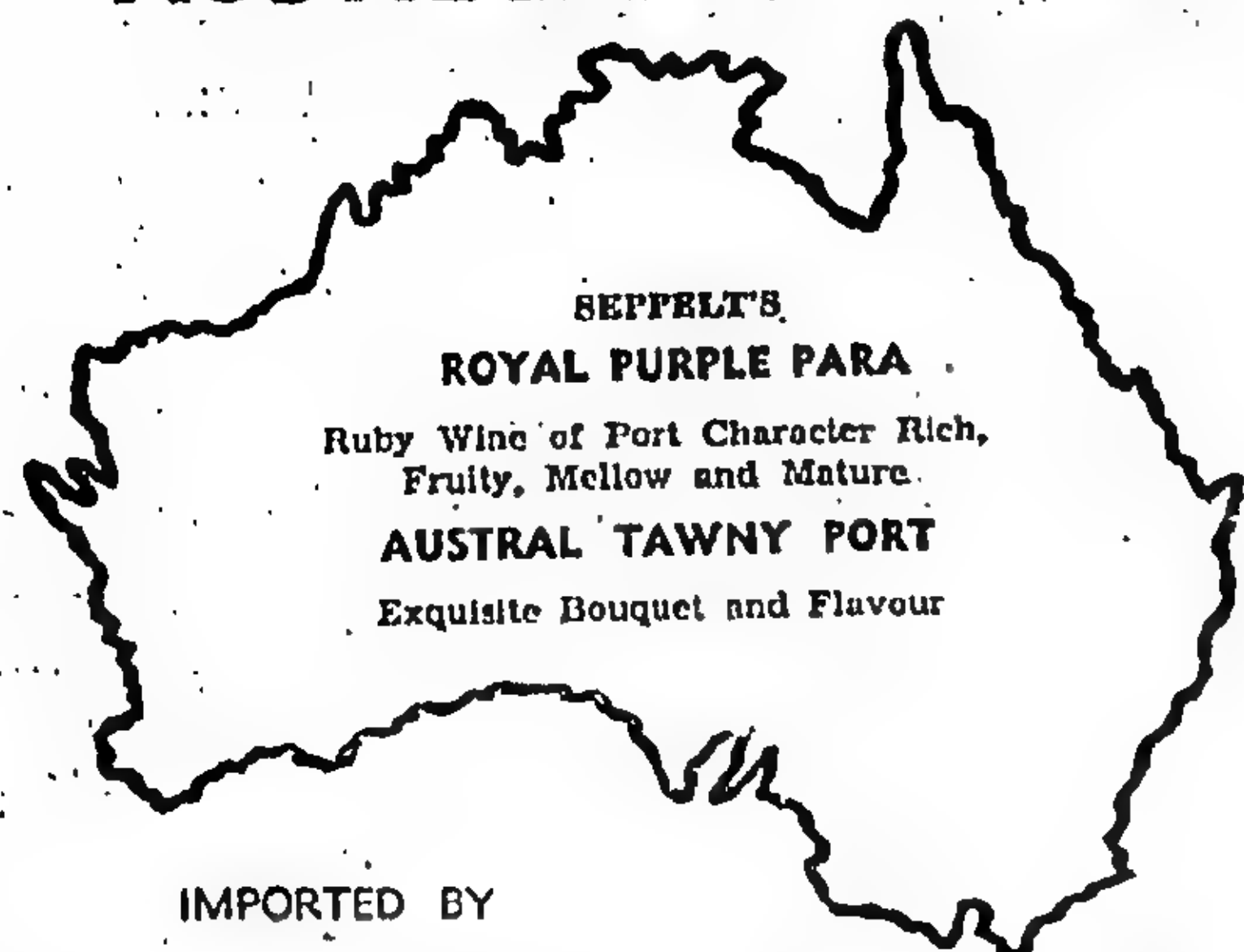
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THE WAR CHEST

GOVERNMENT, who usually prefer to carry out their work unobtrusively, on occasions also pander to the spectacular. They did so on Saturday when they announced a new gift to the Imperial war chest; a gift of £200,000 a year for the duration of the war. The money is to come from the profits of the Exchange Fund, and doubtless the public are as delighted, as they are amazed, to learn that the fund has proved such a gold mine.

No one will quibble with the decision of the Government and the Exchange Fund Advisory Committee to make such a handsome donation, especially as there is an assurance that the stability of the fund will in no way be lessened. Nevertheless, one wished that Government had felt an inclination to take the public into their confidence. It is, after all, public money which the Government are so generously donating to the war chest, and the donation has been made without even consulting the community. We have a right to feel that we have been cheated out of the satisfaction of being identified with a magnificent gesture, an identification which, as chief subscribers to this exchange fund, we are entitled to enjoy.

The fund has always been shrouded in mystery, and only now can the public begin to appreciate how skilfully and successfully it has been administered. During the comparatively short time it has been in operation, the fund has not only been able to secure a cover of more than 114 per cent, but is in a position to deny itself £200,000 (about \$3,200,000 at the current rate of exchange) and still have its cover unaffected. It is a position which only goes further to demonstrate that Hongkong is the richest and most solvent colony in the British Empire. For this fact we have good reason to feel proud.

Whether the Colony itself reaps all the benefits it should from such a situation is more than doubtful; nevertheless it is unlikely that any one will cavil at Government's decision to utilise its exchange fund profits in the manner proposed. It is imperative to Hongkong that Britain wins this war; therefore every effort we can make, whether great or small to help the Mother Country in this enormous task, must be given its due credit. Which is why the individual should eschew the idea that, because Government is making such substantial war gifts, there is no call for him to make his own effort. The old tag "Every little helps" must be taken literally. The voluntary sacrifice still remains the most potent and effective type of gesture. Thousands will make enforced contributions before the year's end through the war taxation, but there remains plenty of room for voluntary effort.

Such efforts were and are being being stimulated. The B.W.O.F. continues to function; happy as all times to receive contributions in kind and money, no matter how intrinsic.



Mr. Duff Cooper, Minister of Information, is to be asked in the House of Commons why he has engaged a band of investigators to make door-to-door inquiries on the state of householders' morale.

THE ARMY makes itself AT HOME

By Reginald Foster

On the English Coast.
A YOUNG soldier sat astride a chair on the promenade, close to the little pill-box camp which has become his seaside home.

A comrade was busy trimming his hair with a pair of scissors, watched with curiosity by an errand boy, unused to such side-lights on Army domestic life. The errand boy was asked to go away by the soldier-barber and the domestic interlude continued.

The British soldier is settling down to domestic life in his front line.

In the last few weeks I have seen a good deal of everyday life in the front line, the life shared by service men and the remaining civilians.

One morning I walked down the main street, which in normal

times would be alive with holiday-makers doing a little shopping. The shoppers I saw were soldiers, detailed to buy vegetables for their unit. Their shopping basket was a lorry.

I heard someone who had been in Spain liken life here to that in Madrid, when fighting reached the outskirts of the city.

There is a front-line icecream girl. Her kiosk is surrounded with barbed wire and weapons of war have replaced the bathing huts. Her shelves are spaded and buckets and fishing nets are not in much demand. But her icecreams are.

Men who have come off sentry duty find her kiosk very welcome. Dozens of times this girl has hurriedly closed her shutters and dashed to the shelter of a basement house—opposite, when sirens of gunfire have been heard.

"Hotel Adolf"

There is the farmyard which has become a military position. Ducks still waddle in the pond, the old farmer goes about his duties. And in the middle of the yard I have seen men, stripped, round buckets, having their morning wash and shave.

A one-time country cottage, at cross roads, has been renamed "Hotel Adolf." A concrete pillbox is labelled "Piccadilly Circus"—the label is properly enamelled and stamped, and goodness knows where it came from.

Up on the cliffs an inn has become the headquarters of a unit at a local defence post. The back parlour, where the holiday maker used to yarn with the locals, is labelled "platoon headquarters," and the civilian who happens to go in for a drink is regarded as an intruder.

Peculiarly solid road barricades have become the subject of soldiers' front-line humour. One I passed was chalked "Don't bend," and another, "Hitler's toll gate"—and the sentry with fixed bayonet seemed a pretty efficient toll-keeper.

Food From Fields

Townpeople have been quick to adopt soldiers' humour. One shop has the legend, "Halbut finished if siren goes," and another proclaims, "We don't intend to run away. Here we are and here we stay."

Sometimes the cliffs of France show up, bright and clear. "The Fatherland looks well to-night," people say, and the soldiers' laugh that follows would hardly bring a smile to Hitler—not if he knew the soldiers' laugh.

Mushrooms play a part in the domestic life of the front-line soldier. Many of these little front line camps are set up in open country. Several times I have seen soldiers returning to their tent or billet with mushrooms. The men have quickly learned which are the best fields.

A few mushrooms can be a great help to the cooking resources of these small units of seven or eight men, scattered along the highways and byways of the front line.

Much of the cooking is done by the men themselves. In other cases rationed are brought by road in travelling kitchens, using a haybox system.

All over the country groups of men engaged in the new defence of Britain are settling down to a front-line life as distinctive in its way as trench life in the last war.

Many a lonely cottage or country farmhouse now has its regular quota of guests—young men of the front line who are welcomed for a meal.

In some places road-houses have become military headquarters and are run on strict military discipline.

Other things I saw with the legend, "Parachutists served at all hours."

"Take A Tommy To Tea"

London families are making this their motto while London is so full of Servicemen on leave, and are earning the thanks of the War Office and the welfare organisations.

There is no organised movement, but people in every walk of life are spontaneously inviting troops to spend a few hours at home with them, and the troops all declare it is the best part of their leave.

The secretary of St. Stephen's House, the Top H centre opposite the Houses of Parliament told me "There have been many cases of people getting acquainted with men on leave and either inviting them home or giving them a day or evening out."

"When the men return here they are delighted with the hospitality, no matter how humble it was."

"Many of them find amusements for themselves, seeing the sights of London and going to a show, but that falls after a time when they are alone and nothing seems quite so welcome to the man who can't get to his own home as a few hours in someone else's home."

"The High Spot"

I talked to an infantryman who was one of a party of four made up by a Kent businessman and his wife on Saturday afternoon, taken to tea, to a theatre and on to a supper dance at night.

"It was a wonderful day's outing," Private Harris told me. "It made the high spot of my leave."

"But in a way it embarrassed all of us. It must have cost a lot of money and we could not pay our share."

"People should not imagine that it is necessary to spend a lot on entertaining us."

"I have found from talking to many of the other men on leave who have been similarly entertained that they would have been quite as happy taken home to tea, eat home-made cakes, listen to the radio and made to feel they were enjoying civilian home life for a few hours."

Combats Boredom

The War Office I learn, is still very anxious to combat boredom among men on leave who are out of touch with their friends.

"Take a Tommy home to tea," would be a magnificent slogan for the public to adopt. One important Army officer told me: "It would prevent many men going off the rails for want of something to do."

"Men on leave want a little feminine society, but not necessarily of the glamorous girl kind."

"The motherly woman who provides some good home-made cakes and a cup of tea, and makes a chap feel at home for a few hours does something for the welfare of the men that not all the organisations put together can achieve."

"It is the Home Forces, in particular, who need this sort of entertainment, because for them there is not the regular programme of activities such as is arranged for the overseas men."

Red Cross Island?

BY DUDLEY BARKER

I HAVE often seen fine ceremonies at St. James's Palace in London, the official Court of England, where Ambassadors walk decorously in one room, and the Lord Chamberlain removes indecorous lines from plays in another.

I have seen scarlet-and-gold heralds crowded on the balcony, welcoming, proclamations with the trumpet, while ceremonial troops waited in the courtyard below.

But yesterday I saw there a finer sight still, though less picturesque. Surrounded by pieces of cord and cardboard boxes, crates of socks and slabs of chocolate, I saw the people who have contrived to keep one international organisation working between Britain and Germany, while Europe crumbled into chaos.

I saw the department of the British Red Cross that supplies British prisoners of war in Germany with regular parcels of food, cigarettes and clothing.

ROUTES WRECKED

It is a story worth telling, partly because it is a story of good will on both sides. Whatever else the Nazis have done, all the evidence shows that they have scrupulously respected international agreement on this question.

Before the German break-through, there were not many British prisoners in Germany, and each of them was being supplied throughout the winter with two food-and-clothing parcels a week from the British Red Cross—three every fortnight in the summer allowance.

Those parcels had to go through a neutral country, and they were travelling smoothly across the Channel to Belgium, and thence into Germany.

Ninety-seven per cent of the receipts cards that accompany each parcel came back, properly signed.

Then war broke into Belgium. The route was rapidly switched across France and Switzerland to Germany.

That was all right for a few weeks, till France fell. When the dividing line was drawn between occupied and unoccupied France, that route became impossible.

It seemed that supplies would have to stop. There was only one route, through Finland, but it was difficult.

The supplies were not stopped. The British Red Cross got into touch with the International Red Cross at Geneva, and they sent 80 tons of food, worth £20,000, direct from Switzerland into Germany, to the British prisoners.

TWO-THIRDS COMPLETE

Last week a new route opened through Lieben, across Spain, and thence to Switzerland.

The problem was how much food to send. There were many more prisoners of war in Germany than before—but how many?

Nobody knows exactly, not even the War Office, not even the Germans themselves, who, a fortnight ago, asked Dr. Axel Junod, of the International Red Cross, to go from Switzerland to occupied France to help them sort it out.

The normal procedure is for the list of prisoners to be sent to the British Prisoners of War Bureau in Berlin, which hands it on to the American Ambassador and the International Red Cross in Geneva (we hand our list to a similar bureau in London, and to the Swiss Ambassador).

The American Ambassador in Berlin and the Red Cross in Geneva both pass the list on to London, and relatives are informed. The whole process normally takes a couple of weeks.

This time the chaos in Europe delayed things, and it is only now that the lists are starting to pour through. They are coming right and day—so fast that the Red Cross in Geneva has increased the number of girls in its index department from 600 to 1,400.

All the names are being telegraphed to London as quickly as possible, and Mr. R. A. Butler was able to announce on Tuesday that the names of two-thirds of all the British prisoners of war had reached Geneva.

So far, the information, and the amount the postal authorities could handle, the people in St. James's Palace made up their minds how much to send.

12,000 PARCELS A WEEK

They have large quantities available. Last week they sent 12,000 parcels, and this week they are sending the same.

In the same way, of course, the German Red Cross has been getting supplies of extra food and comforts to German prisoners in this country.

So, in St. James's Palace yesterday I was able to watch the women packers making up the parcels, stacking them into great heaps, labelling them with distinctive addresses.

It is a triumph that the service to British prisoners has been uninterrupted by the last few weeks, but do not imagine that the worries of the Red Cross are over.

They must have a neutral intermediary between the two warring nations. To-day they have Spain, but who can assure how long in this Europe any such route for supplies can last?

So an idea has grown up, which may perhaps be turned into reality. Could the passage of regular supplies be supplied to and from this island, from each warring country, to each warring country?

Even in this war, the Red Cross has been able to get supplies to and from somewhere in the sea, out of the war zone, and to dedicate it to humanity.

SYSTEMATIC BOMBING TELLS R.A.F.'s MASTER PLAN TO REDUCE GERMANY

LONDON, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—The results of the Royal Air Force's "master plan" of scientific bombing of Germany since the start of the war are outlined for the first time in detail to-night.

The story of the formidable blows struck at over 200 military targets, is of particular interest with the appointment of the man who was responsible for their delivery to a position where he will direct the biggest R.A.F. offensive yet planned.

Four Months Captives Of Nazi Raider

Rescued By Submarine
After Hope Abandoned
HAXBY CREW SAFE

LONDON, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—The tricks of a German Atlantic commerce raider to disguise its appearance by using a telescope funnel and frequently changing its flags and name, were told by the crew of a British submarine, Haxby, who landed at a Scottish port on Saturday.

The Haxby was sunk on April 24 and the Captain and 23 men were transferred by the raider to a captured Norwegian vessel.

They were dramatically rescued by the British submarine Truant, which surfaced off Cape Finisterre and ordered the ship to stop.

The submarine took the crew to Gibraltar.

A member of the crew of the Haxby said the Haxby refused to obey the order to heave to and the raider, started shelling.

The first shell killed the gunner and successive hits smashed the deck house and life-boats. They clung to the wreckage and the Germans put out boats and took them aboard.

"The raider was a dirty-looking ship. For upwards of two months, we were prisoners. Then a Norwegian merchantman was taken and we were transferred to it. For a further two months, the prize ship stealthily made its way towards German territory.

"The food—black bread, potatoes, coffee and a little butter—was telling on our health. We had almost given up hope of being rescued when the Truant unexpectedly appeared."

The seaman added that although the raider's crew gloated over them, not all were Hitler's worshippers. One of the hospital staff stated openly that Hitler was crazy and that many Germans did not want to fight.

SUNDAY RAIDS ON BRITAIN

Activity By Luftwaffe
Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Oct. 6 (UP).—Many parts of England were subjected to raids during to-day, heavy bombs falling on a north-west London district during the second alarm at 4.50 in the afternoon. It is officially reported that a few bombs were dropped in the east Midlands and East Anglia.

At Folkestone and a town in Northants, high explosive bombs demolished some houses and caused a small number of casualties, some of which were fatal.

At several other places enemy aircraft dived and delivered short bursts of machine-gun fire, then quickly flew off. A few persons were injured.

Elsewhere, although bombs fell in a number of widely scattered areas little damage was caused and the number of casualties small.

Weather conditions made interception by fighting planes difficult, but reports so far received show that one enemy bomber was brought down.

Berlin Claims

LONDON, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—Strong units of the German air force have effectively bombed docks, supply installations, arms works and other military targets in London by day and night, says a Berlin communique.

Direct hits were scored on oil tanks and gas works, Harbours, aerodromes, railways, gun emplacements and armament works in South England and the west coast were attacked and many fires were caused.

Off England's east coast, three convoys were dispersed by heavy bombing. Two big merchant ships were hit. One took a heavy list and the other was set on fire.

Minelaying in British harbours continues. Enemy planes which attempted to penetrate to northern Germany were forced to turn back at the frontier. Bombs were dropped on three German villages and a town in Holland causing several civilian casualties.

Thirty enemy planes were shot down over Britain. Seven German aircraft are missing.

COOK BOY GONE

Mr. G. G. Cross, of 4 Cameron Road, has reported to the Police that between 1 and 6 p.m. yesterday his cook-boy absconded, and took with him \$270 in money and \$200 worth of jewellery.

He is the new Chief of Air Staff, Sir Charles Portal, the relentless late chief of the Bomber Command.

Maps and facts prepared by the Ministry of Information are supported by a full list of major bombing attacks over Germany between September 3, 1939, and the night of September 19, 1940, as reported in Air Ministry communiqués.

Minor bombing attacks and leaflet and reconnaissance flights are not included in this list.

Little fresh light, writes Ralph Walling, "Reuter's" air correspondent, is thrown on the R.A.F. "anti-invasion" campaign, mainly directed against objectives in German-occupied territory, but the Ministry of Information points out that the bombing of large concentrations at invasion ports not only removes the threat of a Nazi landing in Britain but inflicts a severe handicap on Germany's use of an important form of her internal transport system—Inland waterways—for barges have been brought from the Rhine and other German rivers which normally carry huge loads of her goods.

The Ministry makes this important observation with regard to the success of the "master plan" of the bombing of Germany proper:

"Telling proof of the damage which British bombers have inflicted on Nazi soil is contained in the German Press. Caged as it is, it is now having to make cautious admissions in view of public opinion."

The German public evidently has been stirred into a clamour for news as the result of the 700 R.A.F. raids from the Baltic Sea to Switzerland, and from the North Sea hundreds of miles inland to Berlin and beyond.

The chief objective of the R.A.F. in weaving the web of destruction which is clogging Hitler's great industrial and war machine has been oil depots, aerodromes, docks and naval bases, goodyards and railway junctions, barges and shipping.

There has been no variation of the plan.

The Ministry points out: "While Nazi flyers are dropping their bombs indiscriminately on British beauty spots, lonely villages and residential areas, our raids are based on carefully conceived and long-prepared plans of attack on targets of economic

as well as immediate military importance."

Although Germany has plenty of aluminium, we still bomb her aluminium plants in order to prevent Hitler using the metal as substitutes for copper which he badly needs.

More of Germany's synthetic oil industry, of extreme importance to her in the war, is being systematically smashed. In the last two months, her oil plants in Western Germany, which normally produce 40 per cent. of her total 2,500,000 tons of oil a year, have been continuously and heavily attacked.

Now the R.A.F. is beginning to turn its attention to Central Germany where more than 50 per cent. of her total oil production is carried on. The mighty Leuna works have been visited more than once.

U.S. TRIBUTE TO KING & QUEEN

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—A vivid contrast between the Dictators' "two monstrosities armoured trains trundling to Brenner" and King George "riding through the streets of his bomb-ridden capital escorted by two motor-cycle policemen" is drawn by the "New York Herald-Tribune."

The paper says: "The Royal couple are doing much by their example of unwavering courage, smiling self-discipline and genuine heart-felt interest in the plight of their people."

"They are, as it were, the Ministers of Morale."

NATIONAL DAY Portuguese Celebrate In Hongkong

The anniversary of the Portuguese Republic was not celebrated in the Club Lusitano last Saturday owing to the existence of the European War and the hostilities in China.

It has been custom in the past for the Portuguese community to hold a "Soleira Danante", but this year the dance did not take place instead there was an informal luncheon held in the Hall "Luz de Camoes".

At the same time an unveiling ceremony of autographed photographs of the President, General Antonio O. Carmona and the Prime Minister Dr. Antonio Oliveira Salazar took place. It was performed by the Acting Consul for Portugal in Hongkong, Mr. F. P. V. Soares.

These were secured through the good offices of the late Dr. Artur Tammaginal Barbosa, former Governor of Macao, whose memory is revered by the members of the Club as a benefactor and genuine friend of the national institution.

Japanese Minister's "Challenge" To U.S.

Matsuoka Heatedly Denies Interview

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Oct. 6 (UP).—Interviewed by "United Press" today, Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, categorically denied statements attributed to him in an interview with the International News Service.

He characterised the whole affair as "outrageous conduct by certain American newspapermen."

Asked to clear up the alleged statements, particularly the phrase: "I fling a challenge at America," Mr. Matsuoka reiterated emotionally: "There is nothing to be clarified because it is even beyond the imagination of any person, that any person in such a responsible position as Foreign Minister could have said such things. I never made any such remarks."

No More Interviews

"The interview in question was granted for publication in 'Liberty Magazine' not newspapers, and only after the manuscript had been submitted to me for approval."

"Because of this outright outrageous violation of confidence I have made up my mind not to see in future any newspaperman connected with the American press."

"I saw 'Liberty' contributor because I contributed three articles to that magazine in the past and it was through that connection the interview was obtained."

Mr. Matsuoka refused any further comment on what he said was "an impossible story."

French Concession Tram Strike Settled

SHANGHAI, Oct. 7 (Reuter).—After nearly a fortnight's inconvenience to the public, trams and buses in the French Concession resumed practically normal service on Saturday although the bus routes are not yet fully served.

Resumption was preceded by negotiations between the works, the management and the Concession authorities.

BEAUTY STEPPING STONES



Ilona Massey, beautiful songstress of M.G.M., loves the open country as a change from the intense life that Hollywood demands of actresses. Ilona shows she could reach a high note in legs as she steps over this stream in her rambles.

VALUABLE CARGOES LOST?

Said Stranded

SHANGHAI, Oct. 7 (Reuter).—Local Chinese merchants announce that cargo valued at tens of millions of dollars, stranded in Indo-China as the result of the closing of the railroad to Kunming, would be brought back.

They are reported to have decided to send representatives to Haiphong and Saigon to seek the services of the Chinese Government.

It is also reported that regular shipping services between Hongkong and Haiphong is resuming on October 8.

Hongkong Government cannot confirm the resumption of shipping services.

KING VISITS THE COLONIAL OFFICE

Report Sent To Hongkong's Acting Governor

His Excellency the Governor, Lord-General E. F. Norton, has received the following circular from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated October 4.

This afternoon the Colonial Office was paid the honour of a visit by His Majesty the King. The King was wearing uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet. He was met at the door by myself, the Parliamentary Under Secretary and Permanent Under Secretary. Senior officials of the Colonial Office, the senior Crown Agents for the Colonies and professional advisers were presented to His Majesty.

The King inspected historical records in Office including archives of Order of St. Michael and St. George and was interested in model of explorer ship Discovery. He was also shown mantelpiece in my room before which Nelson and Wellington had their first and only meeting. The King was then conducted on informal tour of Office and inspected several branches of its work. He was particularly interested in telegraph section by which close hour to hour touch is kept with all Colonial Governments. The King visited Colonial Medical Advisory Committee in session. His Majesty was given a full account of war effort of Colonies with which he expressed deepest satisfaction.

An air raid warning was in operation when the King arrived but all clear signal was given during his visit which lasted nearly an hour.

Mersa Matruh Defended

Italian Aircraft Repulsed

CAIRO, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—One enemy aircraft was hit and two others believed damaged by anti-aircraft fire when enemy bombers, escorted by fighters, raided Mersa Matruh on Saturday, states an official communique from G.H.Q.

The raiders caused only three casualties and little damage. There is nothing to report from other fronts.

Exhibition Of Oil Paintings

An exhibition of oil paintings by Prof. R. C. Robertson, M.C.D., R.C.P., D.F.H., Professor of Pathology of the University of Hongkong, will be held at the Fung Ping Shan Library on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Hon. President Yen-Kung-cho has kindly consented to open the exhibition on Friday at 10 a.m.

EMBASSY BOMBED IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, Oct. 7 (Central News).—The British Embassy in Chungking was partially damaged in the Japanese air raid over Chungking yesterday. Other foreign property which sustained damage included many foreign residences.

U.K.-Bolivia Arrangements

Payments

LONDON, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—New arrangements for regulating payments between the United Kingdom and Bolivia are given effect by two Treasury orders which came into force to-morrow.

Henceforth payments to persons in Bolivia from persons in the United Kingdom may be made only in sterling in a Bolivian special account with a United Kingdom bank but special arrangements have been made for payments relating to certain kinds of personal expenditure into Bolivian sterling accounts.

All exports from the United Kingdom to Bolivia must be paid for in sterling from the Bolivian special account.

KOWLOON BURGLARY

Mr. G. A. V. Hall, of Ten Mile Stone, Kowloon, reports that yesterday morning someone broke into his house and stole jewellery worth \$200.

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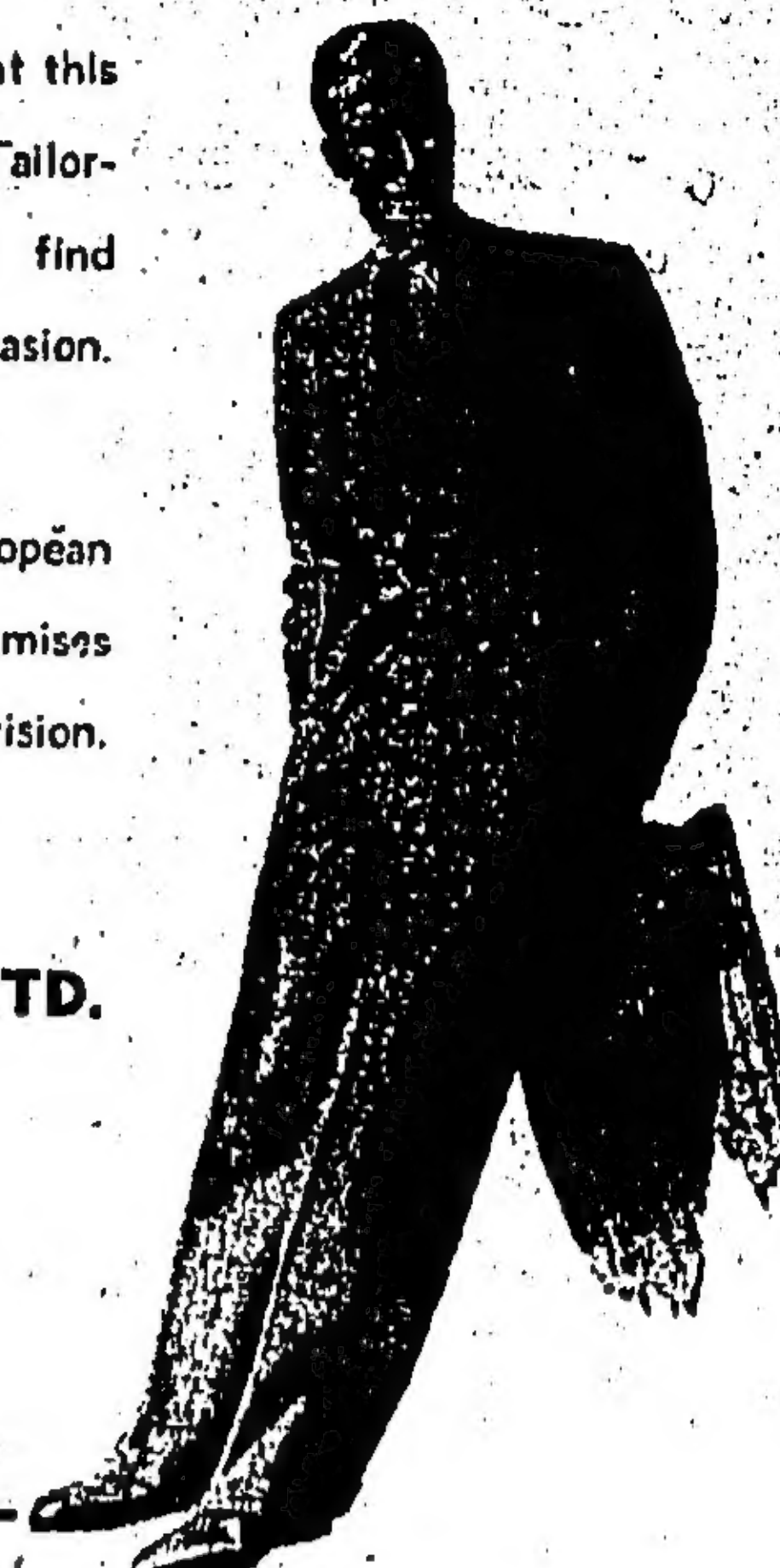
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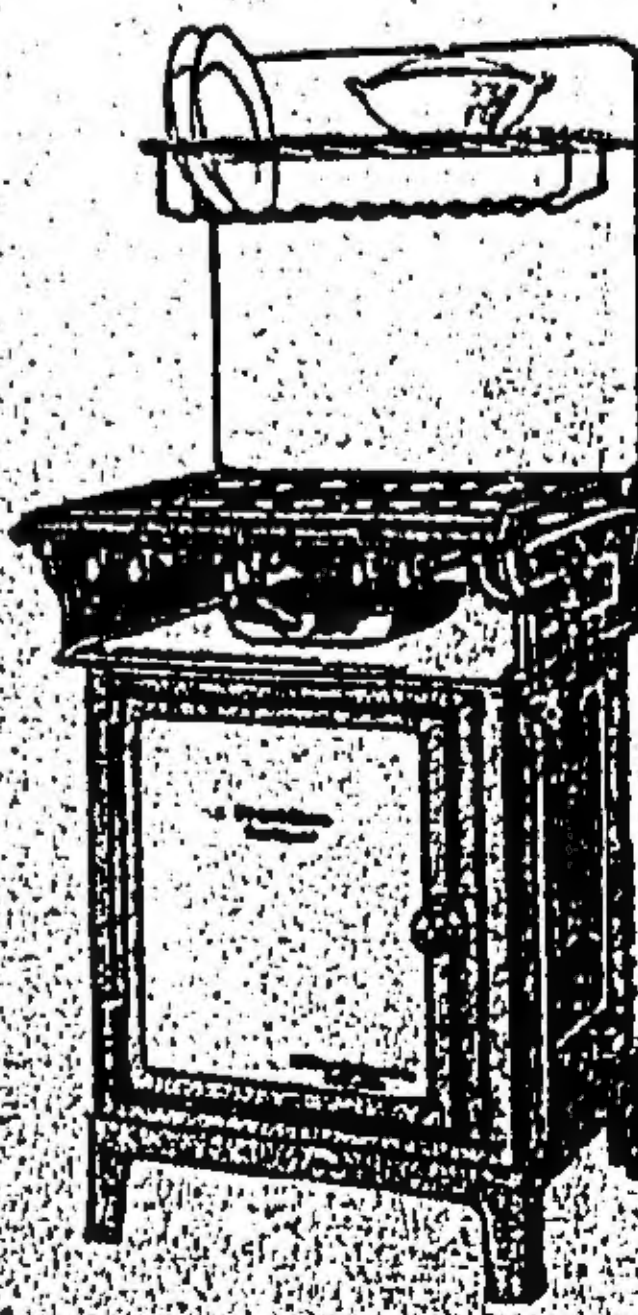
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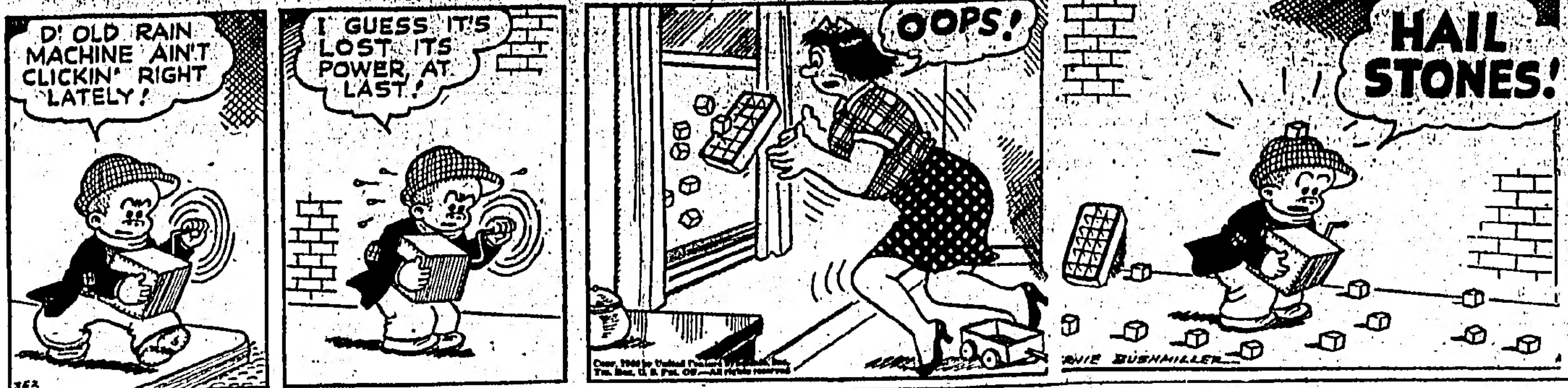


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300 CHILDREN SAVED WHEN GERMANS TORPEDO BRITISH EVACUEE SHIP

GRACIE FIELDS' REPLY TO M.P.'s CRITICISM

"Everything I have—and the same applies to my husband—is the British Government's whenever they want it," declared Miss Gracie Fields in Toronto, when she was interviewed in connection with what she termed the "uproar" over her affairs.

Referring to a question in the House of Commons, she said that the amount she took out of the country was £8,000, and a minimum of jewellery.

"The uproar is a complete mystery to me," Miss Fields added. "I am working every day for the Government under the direction of Mr. Basil Dean, and am not making a cent for myself in war services."

"All my assets are in England. I don't see what I should be persecuted like this. Let the Government look up their files. They will soon find out I haven't taken everything out of the country. This isn't the first time the matter has been brought up in Parliament."

"I have been working harder in the past few months than I have ever done before, and it has not been for myself."

"I am getting sick and tired of it all. It's all so unpleasant. My home is in England. I intend going back, and I can't understand why I should be persecuted."

"I seem to have annoyed a lot of people by marrying an Italian. It was all right before the war. I haven't earned a penny for myself since the war started. I'm disgusted with the whole thing. It's not fair. I've turned down several attractive offers to do this work. I don't blame Canada or Canadian people for this unpleasantness. They've been wonderful to me."

Monty Banks "Bitter"

Bitter comment regarding his wife, who is Miss Gracie Fields, and himself, was made by Monty Banks, the film director.

"Just because I'm an Italian," he said, "they are trying to make things disagreeable for Miss Fields. I wish they would stop. She has been giving generously of her time and talents. If they bother us any more, I'm going to telephone her to come home and live like a normal person."

Mr. Banks added that Miss Fields was now in Canada giving concerts for war relief.

"I am not a British citizen and it was my own money," he said. "Anyway, we followed the usual procedure when we came from England, making the regular application for permission to take our money with us."

Mr. Banks said that the statement made in the House of Commons was untrue. As an American citizen, he could take as much money as he wished from England.

Captain Crookshank, stated in the House of Commons that in October, Mr. Banks applied independently for the transfer of roughly £20,000 to America.

Mr. Banks' nationality was at that time very obscure, but it was decided to treat him as a resident in this country liable to surrender to the State any dollar surplus arising from his business.

His application was allowed on business grounds, to enable him to carry on his business as a film producer, in the expectation that "considerable dollar earnings would be surrendered for our benefit."

These expectations not having been realized, the decision was not justified by events, but the remained liable to account for his dollar balances. A promise was received from Mr. Banks on May 31 to render an account. He left the country without doing so, and without applying for or receiving any allocation of exchange.

THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY BRITISH CHILD EVACUEES, BOUND FOR CANADA, WERE ABOARD A LINER TORPEDOED IN THE ATLANTIC BY A GERMAN SUBMARINE.

They were asleep when the U-boat struck, but everyone was saved, it was announced. Most of them are home with their parents. They landed at a Scottish port. Nearly 500 other passengers and crew were also rescued.

The liner, blacked-out and silent, but for the throb of her engines, was pushing her way through rough seas as the torpedo hit her.

Within three and a half minutes of being roused, the 320 children were standing coolly at their lifeboat stations—exactly as they had practised it six times since the voyage began.

Some were in pyjamas, some half-dressed, others wearing only an overcoat under their life jackets. But they faced the worst peril of their lives with the spirit of the men of Dunkirk.

They sang. As they stepped into the lifeboats they roared "Roll Out the Barrel!"

And they carried out orders in darkness.

Yet none of them is over 15 years old. Many are nearer five.

'Salt Of Earth'

Best description of their courage comes from Mr. C. H. Hindley, Gosport headmaster, under whose care they were travelling.

"When he landed, with 74 of the children at a Scottish port, he said: 'The way those children behaved proved that they were the salt of the earth.'"

"There was no crying, not a whimper. There was a bit of sickness in the boats because the sea was roughish, but those who were not ill sang 'Roll Out the Barrel' as they had never sung it before."

"Some admitted that they sang it so loud that they could not hear the others being ill."

"One eight-years-old in my boat said: 'We don't want Hitler to think he can beat us that easy.'"

"Our boat was finally brought alongside a ship, and, with a banana basket slung from the derricks, we sent the children up three at a time."

"The ship had limited accommodation, and suddenly having to take on many extra men, women, and children, taxed resources."

Water Rationed

"With the food we had brought in the lifeboats we managed to give the youngsters food. Water had to be rationed strictly and washing was barred."

When the ship was struck it was found that holds were filling. The children were ordered to take to the boats. After about four boats were away, the ship ceased settling and an attempt was made to recall the boats.

This was unsuccessful. Then a third hold began to fill, and the order to take to the boats was given again. Everyone got away safely except the purser, who was fatally injured when he missed a step entering the boat.

The boats kept together by torch signalling until rescue ships (one a warship) picked them up. The children were still singing when they were landed.

Boy's Story

This is what 12-years-old Douglas Greer, of Newcastle, told a reporter: "My lifeboat swung against the side of the ship. I saw the hole made by the torpedo—it was five yards wide."

"When we were picked up, it was funny to see the big fruit baskets coming down and then being hauled up into the dark. They had to go a long way."

"They only took the little children and some senile ones in the baskets. We bigger boys and some girls climbed up a rope-ladder. We had to hold on tight because the ship was rocking a lot."

One party was welcomed at the docks by Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Under-Secretary for the Dominions, and chairman of the Children's Overseas Reception Board, who happened to be on a short holiday near the port at which the children landed.

He spent all day with them, and in a message to the Overseas Reception Board, he said:

"There was not even a bruise among them. It was an intervention of Providence. God is surely looking after my children."

"The sailors and others who had looked after them at the time of the landing were enthusiastic about their behaviour and reported that they bore themselves like guardians on parade."

Can Sail Again

Mr. Shakespeare said all the children will be given a chance

Birth-Rate Is Expected To Rise

6,500 War Babies In Britain Every Week

Marriages, Too

A BIG leap in Britain's birth-rate is expected to be announced shortly. Sociologists are waiting eagerly for the figures showing births, marriages, and deaths in Britain during this year's first six months—six months of war.

Already birth statistics are known for London and 126 towns, and despite the movement of thousands of people from town to country the birth-rate shows no decline.

In Country Areas

In the country areas, where the number of residents has been vastly increased by movement from the towns, a big increase in births is expected, making the general rate for the whole country soar.

The six months which have seen this increase started badly. For four successive weeks in January the number of deaths in England and Wales outnumbered the births.

Then the increase in the number of babies began. Now more than 6,500 are born in Britain every week.

New Record

The new statistics also expected to show a "high record for marriages, which means that a continued rise in the number of births can almost certainly be expected."

Not long ago doctors, politicians, and sociologists were forecasting a dangerous decline in Britain's population if the falling birth-rate was not checked.

A Harley-street specialist said: "The problem is by no means solved. The increase in marriages and births is a wartime state of affairs. It is a hopeful sign, but no more."

"The decline in the number of girl babies is the root of this tremendous problem."

After Victory

"In 1920, the first year of real peace after the last war, this country had its highest number of births ever recorded—867,974."

"The same thing is likely to happen again when peace comes; but it will not be enough."

"Children are our most priceless possessions. Next to victory they should come first. After the war population will be one of the foremost problems to be tackled."

to sail for Canada again. They all say they want to take it.

Hotels in the port at which they landed gave the boys and girls food. Local people gave them clothes and they were sent off to a big centre before going home.

But many of them have already declared that they still want to go away.

The official statement by the Reception Board reports:

"The chief escort was the headmaster of a school, and included among the rest were seven teachers, the master of a well-known college in the south of England, a masseur from a children's hospital, a deaconess, a chaplain, a hostel warden, a school mistress, a Salvation Army captain and two Quakers."

"This company of children was drawn almost entirely from State-aided schools in London, Manchester, Birmingham, Yorkshire, Northumberland, Cardiff, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Lincoln, Cambridge, Aldershot, Newry, Enfield, Isle of Wight, Bristol, Southampton, Chelmsford, Newport, Scarborough, Dundee, Glasgow, Inverness, Kirkcaldy, Aberdeen, Argyll, Dumfries and

Women Set Them All To Salvaging

An idea by Mrs. Mary Rhodes, of Davyhill Estate, Walkerville, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has set everyone on the estate on the hunt for "any old iron."

One day Mrs. Rhodes, deciding to do her bit for victory, started her own private salvage dump. So the trim back garden of her council house in three days took on the guise of a junk yard.

Old bicycles, tin baths, bottles, bedsteads, fenders and, in fact, every type of salvage littered the lawn.

They "scrounge" every bit of old iron they set their eyes on. In three days there were two tons of it, and along came a special corporation lorry to cart it away to the city's main salvage dump.

Rival Dumps

Now rival dumps have sprung up on the estate. The slogan for the people of the dumps is, "The more we get, the better." Already the boys and girls on the estate have started rival scrounging gangs.

Mrs. Rhodes said: "I thought it was a good way of doing my bit to help beat Hitler. Every estate should have its permanent dump; collection of salvage to go on all the time not just in special efforts."

"I am trying to keep my dump going for the duration."

Convicts Of Britain Are On War Work

Thousands of prisoners in British jails are doing war work. Workshops have been fitted with modern machinery to eliminate the slow methods which made production a task.

A great deal of the bedding is needed for the rapidly increasing Army is being made inside prison walls.

Bolsters and pillow-slips are turned out in vast numbers. Prisoners are also doing ironwork and carpentry to meet Service requirements.

They are producing brushes of various kinds at the rate of a million a year.

The Navy and Merchant Service get rope fenders from them. Prisoners are also making containers of tin and other substances, and are mixing paints.

Boys in one of the biggest institutions are turning out gear to defend the coast.

Spain Is Feeling The Pinch

Food Goes To Germany

Mr. Thomas Edward Lawrence is a master of languages in Bilbao, Spain.

Or, rather, that is what he was until a few weeks ago, for Mr. Lawrence has just returned to London after an exciting trip through the Bay of Biscay to Liverpool.

He has lived in Spain for 30 years. He says that the people in Bilbao are starving.

Bad Black Bread

Oil is unobtainable, wheat has been commandeered.

He spent three weeks trying to find an ounce of sugar, and the black bread is so deleterious that there are epidemics of skin troubles and boils.

These the doctors cannot treat because there is nothing else but this black bread for the population to eat.

Spain's New Tourists

Reason is that everything in Spain is being openly shipped via Italy to Germany.

The Nazis have taken the whole of the Spanish harvest—all their sugar, all their oil and petrol, even their Japanese rice.

Meanwhile thousands of German soldiers in uniform and with rifles, Nazi officers with swords and pistols have streamed into Bilbao from the frontier town of Irun.

They say they are "tourists" coming from occupied France to look at the country.

German submarines arrive every evening at Bilbao and Vigo and slip away the next morning after filling up with oil and food.

What petrol is left can be bought by the population at £1 5s. a gallon. General Franco is faced with the choice of surrounding himself with pro-German Phalangists who are violent Anglophobes or quitting office.

Mr. Lawrence says that for a month before his departure the cafes were filled with swaggering German officers in uniform who openly said that any provisions sent to Spain would go straight to Germany.

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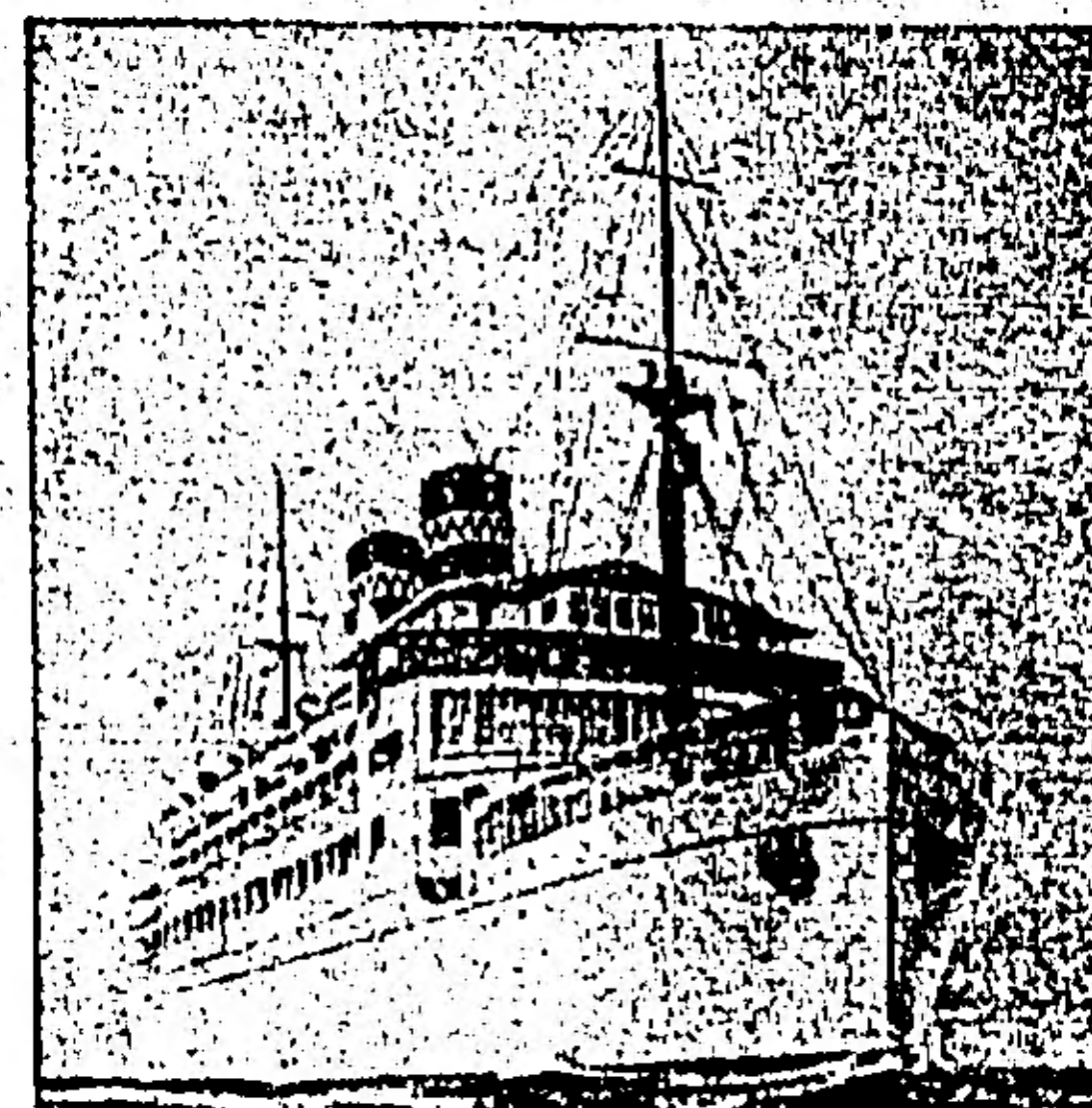
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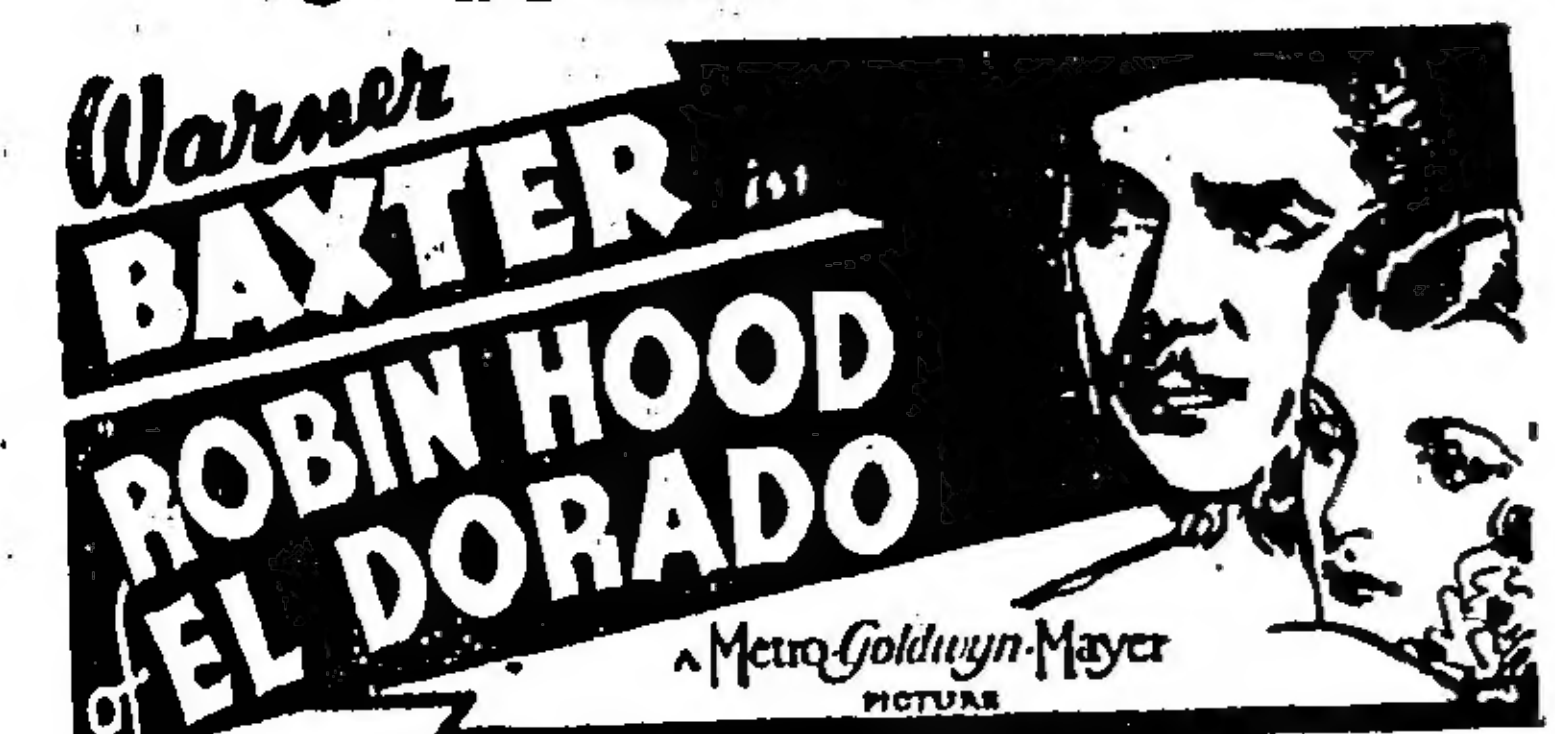
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Briton Tortured For Ransom In Rumania

BUCHAREST, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—Sir Reginald Hoare, the British Minister, went to Ploesti last night and saw Mr. Percy Clark, who was still in bed hardly able to move as the result of the limb-twisting to which he had been subjected during his abduction.

Iron Guard Celebrates Adherence To Axis

BUCHAREST, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—About 100,000 members of the Iron Guard from all parts of Rumania held a mass demonstration here to-day in celebration of the establishment of the new legionary regime.

Jews In France Singled Out

MADRID, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—The military administration in occupied France has just published an ordinance declaring that Jews "will no longer constitute a privileged minority," says a Paris despatch to the newspaper, "ABC."

British Assurance

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—An assurance to the Jews of America of Britain's good intentions towards Jewry after the war, has been sent to Rabbi Wise by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, it was revealed here to-day.

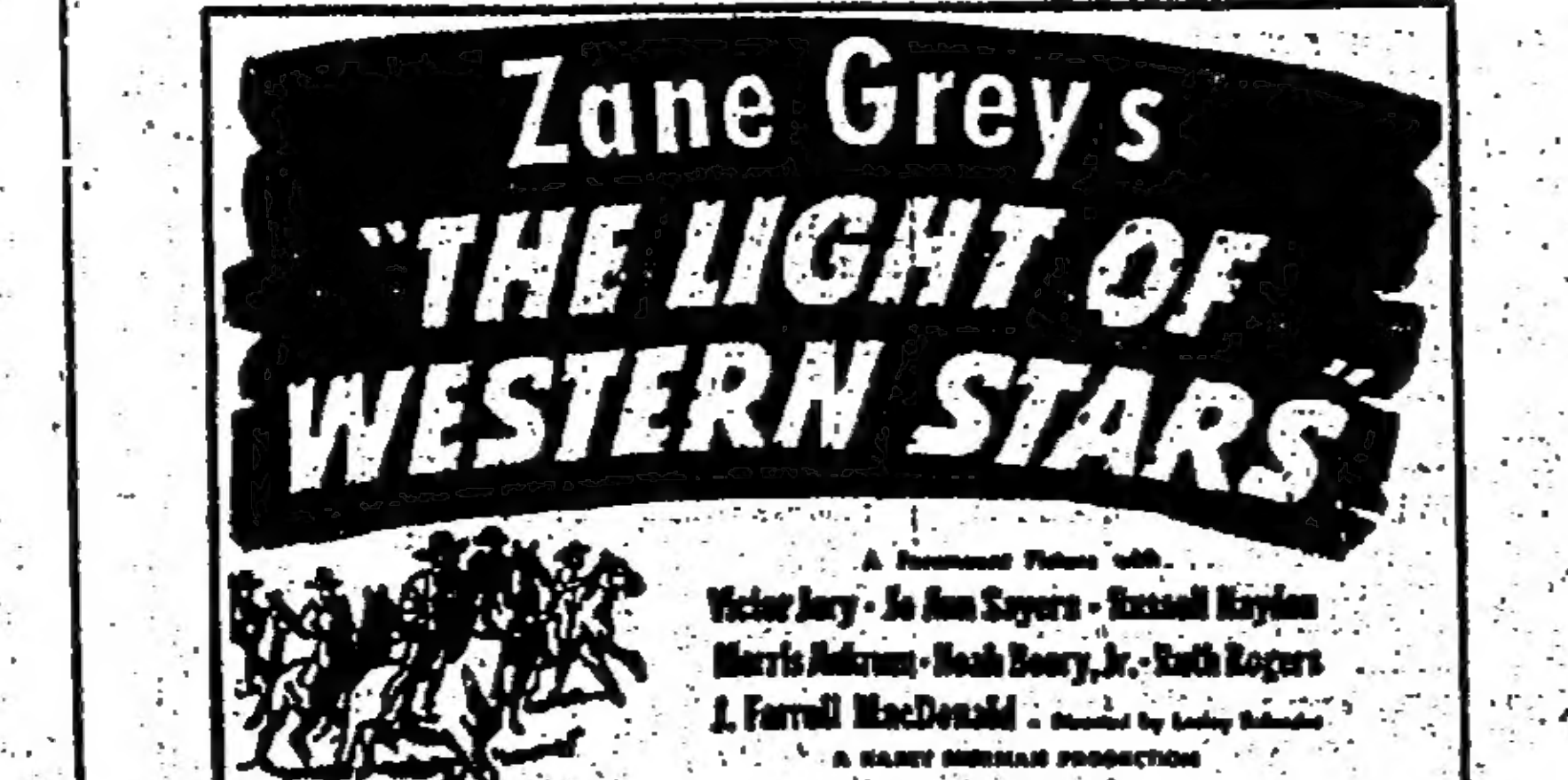
KOWLOON PREPARES AMBULANCE WORKERS' LARGE SCALE EXERCISE

All Kowloon divisions of the St. John Ambulance Brigade numbering about 400 men and 150 nurses took part in large scale exercises yesterday morning.

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"TIN CAN" CANADIAN MOTOR

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 28.—Lloyd M. Taylor, designer of an airplane motor which he says can be made as fast as tin cans are made, said to-day that he had given exclusive manufacturing rights to a Canadian company.

The Taylor motor, its inventor says, departs from normal in that its block is laminated instead of cast. The motor is built of sheets stamped from steel, held together with a special flux, and baked in an electric oven.

Taylor, a young mechanic in an Oakland truck factory, said he and another mechanic, George A. Selig, who is employed in an airplane factory at Burbank, had worked on the idea four years.

New Metal Process

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Aug. 28.—Charles C. Berg, 81-year-old engineer and metallurgist, claimed to-day to have found a new formula to produce beryllium alloys in the past controlled by German patents.

Beryllium copper is of great importance to the aviation industry. Berg said he had produced his metal at a very low cost and had used it in actual practice for bearings, bushings and diamond drills.

Nazi Radio Knows How To Take A Hint

Intensity of the R.A.F. raids on Germany seems likely to force all German radio stations to close down nightly at 10 o'clock.

The public has now learned that German radio silence means the bombers of the R.A.F. are busy over enemy territory.

Radio stations make excellent navigation aids for the bombers are quite ready to use German stations if the enemy is kind enough to keep broadcasting.

The true story of the switching-off of the German stations on one night can now be told. It shows how jumpy the enemy must be.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, was speaking in Parliament. In one sentence he said: "There the strong arm of the R.A.F. will reach out, and it is reaching out this very night, and there we shall break the fetters with which Hitler seeks to bind the peoples of Europe."

"Hello Girl" Who Got 38s For Planes

She will frame the thanks Miss F. R. Rawle, day supervisor at Winchester telephone exchange, was the telephone operator who collected thirty-eight shillings from the staff for Spitfire screws, which Lord Beaverbrook acknowledged in his broadcast.

Every one of the thirty-two in the exchange gave something. Lord Beaverbrook acknowledged the gift by letter personally.

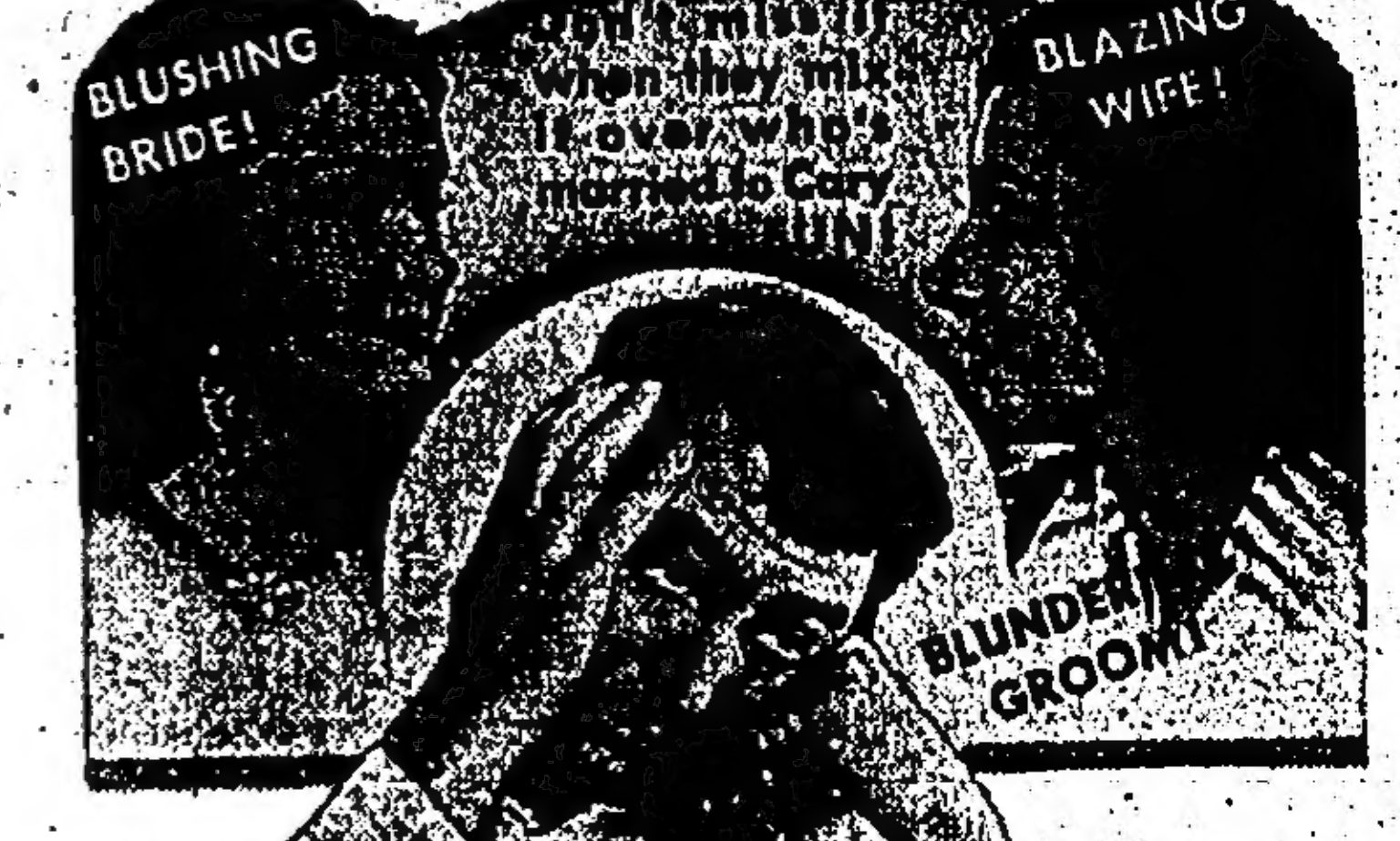
"Miss Rawle is so proud of it that I think she is going to have it framed," said a friend.

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FRENCHMEN RALLY TO GEN. DE GAULLE'S STANDARD

LONDON, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—Free French National Committees are being created in all foreign countries, where there are important colonies of French people, states a communique issued from General de Gaulle's headquarters.

Already they have been set up in Brazil, the Argentine, Uruguay, Chile, Mexico, Canada, United States, Egypt, South Africa, Australia and Mauritius.

In 20 other countries private individuals of French nationality have offered their services and General de Gaulle has appointed representatives to form committees.

From all parts of the world the headquarters of the Free French forces have received messages reaffirming loyalty to the Free France Movement.

These messages, it is pointed out, have particular significance after the Dakar incidents.

General de Gaulle has replied, "reaffirming belief in final victory in co-operation with the Allies."

NEW CENSOR
This appointment is announced, as Censor in the place of Mr. Duncan John Sloan, of Professor William Field, Mr. Sloan, Vice-Chancellor of the University, is to represent the Colony at the Delhi Conference.

UNDEFINED STATUS

Spain And The Axis
MADRID, Oct. 6 (Reuter).—Before leaving Rome for Spain yesterday, Senor Serrano Suner, the Spanish Minister of the Interior, is reported to have had a 40-minute conversation with Count Ciano after the latter's return from Brenner.

Messages from Rome and Berlin continue to assure Spain that the Brenner meeting was neither a preliminary to a peace offensive nor denotes weakness of the Axis.

Papers here all make much of Senor Suner's return but no indication is given as to the nature of the conversations.

"Arriba," the official organ of the Falange Party, of which Senor Suner is the head, counsels against speculation, making it clear that nothing will be published about the talks.

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